



# CALL FOR ACTION ON BUSY ROAD

Report by Lee Watton

**A CAMPAIGN** has been launched for improved crossings on a busy road amid fears lives are being put at risk.

Motorists who stop for pedestrians at existing zebra crossings along Bromley Lane, on the border of Wordsley and Kingswinford, are sometimes being overtaken by other drivers who do not want to wait, it is claimed.

Calls have now been made for safety measures along the route to be upgraded with pelican crossings which would compel drivers to stop.

An investigation has been launched by Dudley Council looking at the existing crossings on the road and it will also focus on measures along nearby Rangeways Road.

The campaign is being led by Wordsley's Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who said he hoped to have an answer on the upgraded crossings within a couple of months.

Just over a week ago a nine-year-old boy was hit by a car along Bromley Lane. The youngster suffered a head injury but was still conscious and talking to officers at the scene. He was taken to hospital for further treatment.

Councillor Hemingsley said better crossings along the busy road were urgently needed.

"It is vital we improve safety along this road," he said. "It is not the case of an accident waiting to happen - incidents have already taken place along the road."

"There have been situations where one motorist has stopped to let a pedestrian cross but another driver has overtaken them."

"This is a situation which cannot be allowed to continue. Having a pelican crossings would help to deal with the problem."

## Worried

Councillor Hemingsley said he had been approached by residents who were worried that more people would get hurt if better measures were not introduced.

"A lot of people are very worried about the situation on the road at the moment," he explained. "This is an issue we have to make progress with and deliver."

"The first stage of the investigation is to establish whether either location meets the criteria for a signalised crossing."

"To this end officers of the council will arrange for two 12-hour counts to be carried out as quickly as possible."

Councillor Hemingsley said he hoped the data would be collected and analysed by late November.

He added: "At that point I believe they will be in a position to report back and we will have a clearer view of what can be done."

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## LIONS ROARED IN TO PREVIEW WORLD CUP GAME



Rugby heroes Jonathan Davies MBE and Phil Vickery MBE were special guests at the 2015 Rugby World Cup lunch at Dudley Kingswinford RFC

THE visit of two rugby legends to a grassroots club was hailed as 'the biggest day in its history' but its president.

Former England prop Phil Vickery and Wales fly-half Jonathan Davies were the guest speakers at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club's World Cup warm-up lunch.

The pair of former British and Irish Lions previewed Saturday's massive clash between their two nations to an audience of more than 500 at the Swindon Road club.

All cash raised at the event will go towards the running of the amateur club, with club

president Graham Robbins saying a large part will be ploughed back into the mini and junior sections at the club.

Mr Robbins said: "This is the biggest day in our history."

"We had (England head coach) Stuart Lancaster here last year so this is continuing in that tradition but is probably even bigger."

"We're trying to ride along with the World Cup and help promote the game of rugby."

Carmarthenshire-born Davies praised the 'great atmosphere' at the gala luncheon.

"I'm from a similar background in a club

like this and it's great to see so many people have turned up," said the 52-year-old former Neath, Llanelli and Cardiff player.

He rightly predicted that day's clash between the rival nations would be 'a tight call'.

Bullish Vickery, aged 39, formerly of Gloucester and Wasps, said that grassroots rugby needs to be 'celebrated and championed'.

But Barnstaple-born Vickery's prediction of a 28-25 victory for England didn't happen, instead it was Wales that won by that scoreline at Twickenham.

## SUPERMARKET

### Landmark pub is to be demolished

A LANDMARK pub in Dudley will be demolished in December, after final approval was given to bulldoze the building.

Plans to replace the King Arthur, in Priory Road, with an Aldi supermarket and 94-space car park got the green-light earlier this year.

The final death-knell for the 1920s roadhouse, which is now an eyesore, came as Dudley Council granted permission for its demolition.

Aldi has told councillors the prominent building next to Birmingham New Road will be demolished in December.

## SHOPPING

### Bag a freebie before 5p charge arrives

RE-USABLE cloth carrier bags are being offered to shoppers in Dudley, before the plastic bag levy arrives.

Dudley Ambassadors are giving away the bags, which promote shopping in the town. From October 5 large stores will charge at least 5p for every plastic bag they provide. Shoppers can avoid paying by taking their own bag.

Dudley's cloth bags are available from the Council House, Dudley Library and Dudley Council Plus while stocks last.

## HOUSING

### Firms objecting to plans for new homes

BUSINESS bosses have objected to plans to build more than 900 homes on disused industrial land in Coseley. They fear there will be complaints in future from residents who move into the properties.

Skelton Group Investments want to create the 925-home Coseley Park estate on three business parks.

But both Biffa Waste Management and Chemiron Carbon border the site and have issued strong objections to the plans, saying future homeowners will complain about noise coming from their firms.

The two companies both operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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# T-shirt faker is jailed for 12 months

FAKE celebrity T-shirts featuring the biggest names in pop — including One Direction — raked in more than £61,000 for a jewellery shop owner as part of a rogue printing operation.

Illegal merchandise sold over the internet also included bracelets and hoodies.

They carried logos of stars including Jessie J, Justin Bieber, Little Mix, The Wanted and JLS.

Russell Potts, 43, was caught with the goods in a swoop carried out by Trading Standards officers at his pawnbroker business Gold Direct Midlands Ltd, Cradley Heath.

Potts, of Tresham Road, Kingswinford, director of the business, admitted seven counts of trading

in counterfeit goods and was jailed for 12 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He had made more than 5,000 sales of the counterfeit goods. The dodgy items were spotted for sale via online auction site eBay. Along with counterfeit goods, stocks of blank T-shirts, clocks and bracelets, computer equipment and documents were seized at the premises in High Street.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting for Sandwell Council, said: "The defendant may have been operating a legitimate business concerned in the sale of watches and jewellery but he was also operating a counterfeiting business from the same premises.

"Analysis of the defendant's eBay and PayPal

accounts showed that he made some 5,236 sales of counterfeit goods worth £61,177. The loss to the trade mark holder is substantially more than at £171,073," Mr Jackson added.

Solicitor advocate Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said Potts set up the illegal activity when gold sales suffered a down turn in late 2010.

He owns 10 properties including a pub and employs seven people. Mr Hamblett added that the 43-year-old father had raised about £10,000 for charities and had taken part in the London and Paris marathons.

Under the Proceeds of Crime Act he must pay the council £61,177, plus £13,250 costs.

# Milkman caught selling dodgy cigs on his round

**A MILKMAN and two of his family were caught with illegal cigarettes on a milk round.**

Stephen, Paul and Philip Riese had been selling the dodgy tobacco and were caught in a police and trading standards swoop.

Officers stopped a milk van being driven on Laurel Road, Dudley, in November 2014 while it was carrying out deliveries, Sandwell Magistrates Court heard.

A potato sack on the vehicle was found to contain 21 packs of cigarettes and 42 packs of hand rolling tobacco. The duty evaded on the haul was around £900.

The court was told officers had also gone to the home address of Stephen Riese, where a further 30 packs of hand rolling tobacco and one packet of cigarettes were seized. Some of this was later found to be counterfeit.

There were also 24 cans of beer on the milk van and 288 cans in the house. These were also seized because Riese did not have a licence to sell it.

## Warnings

Stephen Riese, his son Paul and brother Philip, all pleaded guilty to possessing cigarettes and tobacco, which did not display the necessary health warnings and photographs to allow them to be sold in the UK, and for which UK duty had not been paid.

Stephen Riese, aged 55, of Fairview Road, Dudley, also pleaded guilty to possessing for supply counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco and to not being licensed for the sale of alcohol. He was sentenced to a 12-month community order and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work. He was also told to pay costs of £1,000 and a victim surcharge of £60.

Philip Riese, 46, of Sovereign Drive, Milking Bank, and Paul Riese, 35, also of Fairview Road, were both sentenced to 80 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £500 costs each and a victim surcharge of £50.

An order requiring confiscation and destruction of the cigarettes and tobacco was also made.

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health on Dudley Council, said: "Illegal tobacco is sold at low prices and without the necessary health warnings, which makes it easier for children and young smokers to get hooked on smoking."

## Walking football strides forward



Mayor Steve Waltho with 'keeper Councillor Derrick Hemmingsley and team mate deputy mayor Mohammed Hanif

TEAMS of over 40s got competitive during a waking football competition which was launched in a bid to encourage older people to become more active.

Eight teams battled it out for supremacy at Wordsley Park on Saturday, while being careful not to break into a run, in the one-off tournament featuring sides from across the Dudley borough.

It is hoped the success of the event will lead to more competitions taking place.

Wordsley councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who played in a Dudley Council team, said: "It was absolutely fantastic, the turnout was beyond expectation.

"The weather was fantastic and it was a great competition, all the teams want to do it again. It was a real success."

Russ Smith, a coach from the Birmingham FA was among spectators at the tournament which was set up by the park's Friends group in partnership with Dudley Council

and Age UK. A team from Beechcroft in Halesowen were crowned the winners.

He said: "It's great to see football being used for all age groups at Wordsley Park, from walking football to under 7s. It's great work by all involved."

Councillor Hemingsley said he hoped the competition would prove to be a 'launch pad' for more walking football events across the Black Country. He added: "It has been a tremendous success."

# Bishop at service to mark 250th anniversary

THE Bishop of Dudley was among special guests as a church in Brierley Hill marked its 250th anniversary.

Around 150 people attended a service to celebrate the milestone at St Michael's Church in Bell Street South on Sunday.

A choir performed during the service, while the Rt Rev Graham Usher addressed those who attended.

The red-brick church was built in 1765 when it became part of the parish of Kingswinford. Much of the tower was restored in 1900 and the building has undergone various changes since it was constructed in the 18th century.

Bishop Usher said: "It was a great celebration of a very significant anniversary in the life of St Michael's Church. It was a great celebration of 250 years of service to the community and to the needy. It is a place for people's stories of joy and sorrow.

"Any church which marks a significant milestone deserves celebrating and it was also a chance to look forward to the ways it can continue to serve God in the local community."

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho was also invited to the ceremony, which he said was a fitting tribute to one of the borough's most historic buildings.

He said: "It was an excellent service, very appropriate. There was music, the choir was excellent. Although it is a beautiful church, the congregation has been in decline over the years so to see around 150 people there was good. It was nice to be able to gather together."

# Owl sanctuary plans for hall

THE creation of an owl sanctuary at Himley Hall has moved a step closer after plans were officially submitted.

More than 200 owls are to be moved to a new walled garden within the grounds to form a new £750,000 visitor centre.

The World Owl Trust said it wants to make the site its operational centre. Spokesman Alan Peace said: "We are not an owl zoo. Our prime role is conservation. Where necessary, we breed captive-bred owls for subsequent release into the wild to spread the gene pool."

Two-timber framed buildings would be constructed to be a visitor centre with pathways to allow people to view 50 aviaries.

The owls are currently at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston campus.

# Afternoon archive film show at library

AN AFTERNOON of archive films of Halesowen is being screened in the town's library.

The screening in the Shenstone Theatre at the library in The Cornbow is at 2pm on Wednesday, October 7. Tickets are £3 or £5.

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## Concern at return of weeds on a landmark

WEEDS are again sprouting from brickwork at the side of Wordsley's historic Red House Glass Cone, sparking calls for a permanent solution to the long-running problem.

Clumps of vegetation can be seen emerging from the grade-II listed heritage building in High Street.

Dudley Council said it was aware of the problem and were making arrangements for the weeds to be removed.

But Wordsley Councillor Paul Brothwood said it was not the first time the problem had occurred and suggested that a way had to be found of dealing with it permanently.

"It is a real concern because there is a chance these weeds could damage the fabric of this historic building," he said.

"I am pleased the council is making arrangements for the weeds to be removed. But I believe we should be looking at ways to prevent this from happening. Surely that would be more cost-effective for the council and eliminate any future risk to the cone."

Cabinet member for tourism on Dudley Council, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed confirmed that the council was looking into the situation.

"We are making arrangements for the growths to be removed as part of our regular and maintenance," he explained.

Officials from the authority have previously said preventing the weeds from growing at the site was difficult, as they grow from seeds which become airborne and lodge in the brickwork.

## More than 100 homes to be built

MORE than 100 homes are to be built on the site of a former college in Rowley Regis.

The former St Michael's Business and Enterprise College site in Thorne Road will be demolished after councillors approved plans submitted by Redrow Homes to build 123 properties.

The building has been empty since the college moved to a new site in 2010.

Developers say 80 of the properties would be four-bedroom houses with 34 three-bedroom houses, plus nine would be flats. Councillor Steve Trow said it was 'great that the site was being brought back into use'.

Sandwell Council unanimously approved the plan.

## Library hosting an autumn quiz

DUDLEY Library is hosting its latest quarterly quiz on Monday.

The autumn competition is open to teams of up to five, with entry £1 per person. It is taking place from 7pm to 8pm at the library in St James's Road.

# Watchdog says care home must improve

A CARE home has been told it must improve by a health watchdog.

Broadway Halls Care Home in The Broadway, Dudley, was subject to an inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

It was ranked as needing to improve overall but was good for effectiveness, care and responsiveness.

The care home has carried out a programme of improvements since the inspection.

In a report, inspectors said: "The service was not always safe.

"People were supported by staff who knew how to protect them from the risk of abuse, but there were not always enough staff on duty to meet people's changing needs. Risks to people's safety had not been reviewed and therefore there was a risk of inconsistent care."

Inspectors also said: "People's medicines were not always managed appropriately because the home ran out of supplies."

Inspectors concluded the home was 'not always well-led' but residents said the care they received was excellent and the report described the staff team as 'caring, professional and dedicated'.

Inspectors also praised aspects of the home's services, noting that 'staff were well trained, effectively supported and well-motivated'. The report also said that 'people and their relatives spoke consistently about the caring attitude of staff and their commitment to supporting people's happiness'.

Care home spokesman Robert Mitchell said: "We are encouraged that the CQC inspectors rated the service as good for being caring, for providing effective care and for being responsive to people's needs and wishes."

"No aspect of the service was rated as inadequate, although the inspectors found some areas that required improvement."

"We have been carrying out a programme of improvements since the inspection in June."

"We are using a recognised 'safe staffing' tool... to ensure the appropriate number and skills mix of staff for residents' needs at all times. We have improved our quality assurance systems and the administration of medications."

# Schools get permission to become academies

TWO primary schools in Dudley borough are to become academies after final agreements were approved by council bosses.

Bromley-Pensnett Primary School, in Pensnett, and Halesowen's Manor Way Primary School will both open as academies from today (Thursday).

Both sites will be operated by trusts after Dudley Council agreed to the transfer. Councillor Ian Cooper, cabinet member for children's services, confirmed the necessary permission had now been rubber-stamped.

Bromley-Pensnett will be sponsored by the DRB Ignite Education Trust while Manor Way will be sponsored by Windsor Academy Trust.

The trusts, acting through management companies, will operate the academies on the same sites as the old schools.

On the Bromley-Pensnett site, a children's centre there will be leased back to the council for a period of three years. A specialist early years nursery, which serves the borough, is also located on the site and will be leased back to the council for a period of five years.

There are 49 staff, both teaching and local government, at Bromley-Pensnett and 36 at Manor Way. All will be transferred to the trusts as employees.

### Peppercorn

The grant of a lease for both school sites will be at a peppercorn rate.

Mrs Dawn Betteridge, headteacher of Manor Way Primary, said: "We are now making all the necessary preparations and getting everything ready for the change to academy status."

Helen Coles, headteacher of Bromley-Pensnett Primary, said in a letter to parents: "I want what is best for the children and families. I think you know that I am committed to our school and passionate about providing the very best education for our children."

"I do believe that conversion to an academy would give us increased flexibility of the budget to develop a curriculum that better meets the needs of the children."

They are the latest schools in the Dudley borough to have changed to academy status.

Previously King Edward VI College and Ridgewood High School joined forces to form the King Edward's Stourbridge Academy Trust. Redhill School, in Stourbridge, has also become an academy.

## Florence celebrates in vintage style



Florence Jefferies from Wall Heath celebrates her 106th birthday with a visit from a vintage car

"SHE is marvellous, she always wanted to make it to 100 but since then every year has been a bonus."

Those were the words of Bryan Jefferies, whose mother Florence has celebrated her 106 birthday in style in Wall Heath.

Mrs Jefferies was treated to a surprise visit from a vintage vehicle - manufactured by Wolverhampton company, Clyno, which was founded the same year she

was born. The 1928 Royal Tourer car was parked on the driveway of The Cherries care home, in Beachcroft Road, Kingswinford, while family members presented her with a bottle of bubbly and a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs Jefferies grew up in Wolverhampton but moved to Wall Heath in 1988.

She met her husband Fred in 1946. He passed away at the age of 78 in 1985.

They have two children together, Bryan, 65, and David, 64, and two grandchildren, Louise, 42 and Sarah, 38 and one great-grand child Sophie, who is eight.

Mr Jefferies said: "She is a real character. She was always the head of the family and stayed very independent right up into her 90s. She was a traditional lady that looked after everybody. She enjoyed knitting and holidaying every year with dad in Torquay."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Church gets green light for extension

PLANS to extend a Netherton church have been approved.

Champions Church will now be able to begin work on the second phase of its development.

Two separate extensions will be built on the site off Cinder Bank to provide youth facilities, replacing temporary buildings on the site.

The second, two-storey extension, will have a cafe on the ground floor and office space and seminar rooms on the second.

It will be connected to the main auditorium at the church.

### Security steps up against travellers

SECURITY is being stepped up at a recreation ground in Kingswinford to stop travellers getting on the site.

Travellers set up camp at the Greenfields Road recreation area for the second time in a month. But they left the site last Thursday.

Dudley Council is now installing new bollards at the recreation ground to prevent caravans being driven on to the site.

Councillor Patrick Harley said: "I think these new measures will be a deterrent to prevent this from happening again."

### War memorial will be ready in time

A WAR memorial will be installed at its new home in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Work is ongoing on a £35,000 project to restore and relocate the monument which stood outside Mount Tabor Church, Sedgley Road West, Woodsetton, for many years.

Councillor Keiran Casey said it was expected to be installed at its new location, further along Sedgley Road West, between October 26 and November 6.

### History talk on how to impress a queen

AN EVENT fit for a queen will be the subject of a talk at the next meeting of Stourbridge Historical Society on October 15.

Gillian White will talk on Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth and the spectacular Kenilworth Entertainment of 1575, when the 1st Earl of Leicester entertained the Queen for 19 days at his country seat Kenilworth castle.

The meeting is at Stourbridge Town Hall at 7.30pm. For details visit [www.stourbridgehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.stourbridgehistoricalsociety.com)

### Watch group expands

STREET Watch Wordsley, a volunteer group which stages patrols in the town and raises concerns with the authorities, is growing. Another team is to be set up for High Acres estate.

Those interested should attend a meeting at the High Acres pub on Wednesday, October 7, from 6.30pm.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



A READER tells me he heard a radio interviewer ask the managing director of a chain of take-away sandwich shops whether his company's expansion plans would mean new jobs. The boss replied that there would "certainly be a number of roles to fill."

OUR phone line is kaput again. The recorded message from BT says I can keep up with the engineers' progress on the internet. Listen, if I could keep up with the engineers' progress on the internet, I wouldn't need the bleedin' engineers, would I?

I THOROUGHLY enjoyed the latest dark and gritty Scandinavian murder series, Beck (BBC4), especially the little greeting the Swedes use at the end of an affectionate chat or phone conversation: "Kyss," meaning kiss. That could catch on.

WINTER draws on. I have bought a new pair of old-fashioned cotton flannel pyjamas, having become utterly fed up with the modern T-shirt and baggy trousers equivalent. Proper pyjamas have long sleeves and fleecy linings. They also have a breast pocket, although I cannot imagine what for.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is offering a cottage at Lambeth Palace to a family from Syria. Only a curmudgeon would point out that London already has about 1,000 folk sleeping rough who might have appreciated a warm room in Lambeth.



IT'S safe to assume the Daily Mail wants David Cameron out and George Osborne in. Why else would it serialise Lord Ashcroft's bitter biography of the PM, warts (pigs) and all?

AS a general rule, when a politician's (alleged) youthful follies are exposed, we heave a sigh and say, "Well, we've all done that, haven't we?" Not this time, Mr Cameron.

A SURVEY reveals that two-thirds of children rarely write letters. As one who has barely handwritten anything since being plonked behind a typewriter in 1969, I am not surprised. Surrounded by iPhones and suchlike gizmos, who would willingly reach for a pen and paper? Meanwhile, another survey reveals that few children play with hoops and sticks any more and hardly any have had a ride in a Zeppelin. And that bear clutching a roll of Andrex is still heading for the forest.

I CANNOT vouch for this one but a reader swears he heard an arachnophobia expert on the radio telling listeners: "If you want to know more about spiders, visit our website."

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# Woman faked £20 notes to escape debt

A WOMAN who tried to get out of a drug debt by printing her own money has been jailed for two years.

Danielle Jones, of Westgate, Oldbury, produced fake £20 notes on her scanner at home, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The 29-year-old then stopped strangers in the street and asked them to give her change for the bogus cash.

She also used the counterfeit

money to pay for takeaways, revealed Mr Robert Edwards, prosecuting. Jones had been made the subject of a community order for a similar scam in Derbyshire two months earlier. She was spotted passing off the fake cash in the Black Country on January 3 when she was given two £10 notes by a woman she had stopped in the street. Moments later the victim realised that she had been duped.

Ten days later staff at the Tesco supermarket at Burnt Tree in Dudley called police after complaints about a woman who was asking people to change £20 notes in the shop. On February 22 she gave a delivery driver two counterfeit £20s for a takeaway but was caught out after pulling a similar stunt on April 11.

Police raided her home, discovered the scanner and a sheet full of £20

copies waiting to be cut to size. Jones had produced at least £360 worth of counterfeit currency. Jones admitted making and passing counterfeit notes and asked for nine further offences to be taken into consideration.

Mrs Amanda Jenkins, defending, said Jones and her partner had been attacked over her drug debts and had been told she would be targeted again if she did not hand over the money.

# Rogue trader fined after showing false car mileage

A ROGUE car dealer from the Black Country sold a car which had nearly double the amount of miles on the clock than it was advertised with.

Arvinder Singh Gill found himself before Dudley magistrates after the car's new owner began having problems with it and contacted trading standards.

It subsequently came to light that the BMW 316 had done 133,000 miles rather than the advertised 75,000 miles.

Gill, of Newbridge Crescent, Wolverhampton, further misled the buyer as the MOT certificate provided with the car omitted several defects.

The advert also failed to state the vehicle had previously been declared a Category D insurance write-off.

Gill, who trades as Autodesign and Auto Elite, pleaded guilty to four offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations.

He was fined £2,000 at Dudley Magistrates Court on September 17.

The 36-year-old was also ordered to pay costs of £3,458.80, compensation of £625 to the consumer and £50 victim surcharge.

Dudley councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member responsible for trading standards, said: "Trading Standards officers investigate complaints where second hand vehicles are not described fully or accurately because it is vital that consumers receive the information they need to make an informed choice about whether to purchase. We will not hesitate to take action."

by David Cosgrove

## A NEW campaign against domestic abuse has been launched in the Black Country.

It reveals there are, on average, 48 cases a day – up from 33 three years ago.

New standards are being set out for the first time for the levels of service and support that victims should receive and expect. The scheme brings together groups from the public and voluntary sectors.

It aims to send out a clear message that domestic violence perpetrators are to blame for their behaviour and that victims are never at fault.

Domestic abuse does not just refer to violence, but also covers all forms of abuse – including emotional control.

The West Midlands Domestic Violence and Abuse Standards set out 10 key points that should be followed when dealing with domestic abuse incidents.

David Jamieson, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "I will be holding the police to account to ensure that they deliver these standards and will be working closely with other bodies to ensure that they are meeting these standards too."

## Robust

"Domestic violence occurs at least 48 times a day in the West Midlands. We therefore need robust services in place to support victims and help them to recover. The increase in the reporting of domestic violence is a positive step, that shows that there is increased confidence in the police to deal with such crimes."

The different groups are working together to make sure their response is 'comprehensive and coordinated'.

Stephen Rimmer, West Midlands strategic lead for preventing violence against vulnerable people, said: "These standards set out a very clear and public commitment from all of the key agencies across the West Midlands to provide the best possible service to victims and their children."

## Speed campaign is gathering pace



Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, PSCO Andy Ormand, James Callaghan, Councillor Paul Brothwood and supporters

A COMMUNITY speed watch project is gathering momentum after school pupils were invited to take part.

The monthly campaign has been taking place in Wordsley in recent months. It came in response of concerns over speeding motorists and accidents happening on roads near homes and schools.

Police have joined volunteers from the community to lead the series of monthly speed clampdowns.

Organisers decided to raise awareness among pupils of Dingle Primary School. Youngsters were allowed to hold speed guns used by volunteers to monitor speeds of motorists. They hope the scheme will help raise awareness in the wider community and improve safety.

During the operation two people were caught exceed-

ing the 30 mph limit. Letters are sent to motorists warning them of their future conduct.

Ward Councillor Derrick Hemingsley said: "I was pleased to have 20 children and helpers from the Woodcraft Group based at the Dingle Primary School coming out with us and having a go with the speed gun."

"My passion for community and safety is one that is gaining public support within Wordsley and hopefully with new members joining us my vision will be a weekly speed watch rather than monthly."

Fellow ward councillor Paul Brothwood added: "Each child got the chance to use the speed gun. It was a really good evening and showcased a great community spirit."

The next event is being planned for this month.

## Petition against shop plan at pub

MORE than 250 people have signed a petition against revised plans to build a store on a pub car park in Cradley Heath.

Sandwell Council has already thrown out one scheme put forward by New River Retail for the Haden Cross site on Halesowen Road. But the firm has submitted fresh proposals, saying it has addressed issues previously raised by councillors.

The Friends of Haden Cross collected more than 250 signatures in two weeks for a petition which will be submitted to the council this week.

The group will hold a public meeting on October 13 at the Haden Cross from 7.30pm.

It is expected that the planning application will be decided by councillors on October 21.

## Post office is on the move in same road

A POST office in Dudley is closing then relocating to a nearby shop.

The branch in Stourbridge Road, Holly Hall, will move to the Spar shop on the same road. The post office closes on October 8 and reopens at the Spar at 1pm the next day.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Delve into past at local history event

HISTORY buffs will be able to take a journey through the borough's rich heritage at an event on Saturday at the Archives and Local History Centre, on Tipton Road.

The event is free to attend and will run between 10am and 4pm. It will feature a number of family and history society exhibitions.

Visitors will also be able to find out more about researching their own ancestry.

There will also be local talks, family activities and quizzes, a raffle and a free prize draw.

## Driver cut free after collision

A DRIVER had to be freed from her car following a two car crash in Dudley.

Fire crews had to cut the roof off a vehicle at Venture Way at around 3pm on Thursday, September 24. A woman in the car was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital suffering neck pain. Crew Commander Andy Froggatt said: "There was a woman trapped by injuries in the vehicle, so the fire crew cut off the roof to free her."

The road was closed between High Street and Charlotte Street for around 50 minutes.

## Cemetery needs tidy-up helpers

VOLUNTEERS are needed to lend a helping hand to tidy the grounds of a cemetery as part of a £1 million restoration project.

Work is under way to revamp the Grade II listed Lye and Wollescote Chapels and surroundings and the next session will take place on Saturday, from 10am to noon. Once restored the chapels will be used as a register office. Contact Carolyn Healy on 07805 489296 or Carolyn@redkite network.co.uk for details.

## Places available at pre-school nursery

A NURSERY near Stourbridge is appealing for families to sign up for places.

Stourton Peter Pan Pre-School needs more children to take up spaces to keep the nursery open.

Fifteen hours a week free places are available for all three-year-olds and free places for some two-year-olds.

Peter Pan is based at Stourton village hall, off the Bridgnorth Road. Call 07801929034 for inquiries.

## Car demolishes wall

A CAR smashed through a garden wall in Dudley after being involved in a collision another car.

The Volkswagen Golf careered through the wall and into the garden in Summerfield Road at around 4.20pm on Saturday.

No-one was hurt in the incident.

# Machine that could save lives placed near school

STAFF and parents from a Kingswinford school have teamed up with a charity of 999 first responders to get a life-saving defibrillator installed in the community.

Charlotte Taylor, a Glynne Primary School parent, decided to let to get the device introduced following the untimely death of her father due to cardiac arrest.

Pete Goddard was a fit and healthy 51-year-old and died following a routine weekend of running with friends in 2011.

Charlotte and Pete's wife, Sue, decided to donate money for a security box to hold a defibrillator.

The piece of equipment has been provided by the Glynne Primary School Parent Teacher Association and supplied by West Midlands Ambulance Service and Fast-Aid Black Country.

### Training

Fast-Aid Community First Responders volunteers work together with West Midlands Ambulance Service to deliver the free training programme in schools and other organisations.

Charlotte said: "We now fully understand the importance of swift action in the case of a cardiac arrest."

"We feel it is vital that defibrillators are located where they can best serve the community, in this case just outside the school gates."

She added: "Hopefully, this defibrillator will never be needed but it's good to know it is there."

## Hometown gig for young folk singer

RISING star of the British folk scene Kim Lowings has a hometown gig tonight (Thu) at music venue Scarycanary in Stourbridge High Street.

The dulcimer playing singer/songwriter brings her four piece band The Greenwood to preview her forthcoming second album Historica. Tickets cost £6 on the door.

Gigs this month at Scarycanary include guitarists Jim Ghedi and Toby Hay on October 16, experimental London band The Chap on October 17 and Japanese psychedelic outfit Acid Mothers Temple & The Melting Parison UFO on October 21. Singer/songwriter John Donaldson, in his JD Meatyard guise, is at the venue on October 30. See [www.scarycanaryvenue.com](http://www.scarycanaryvenue.com) for further details.

## Variety show for fans of nostalgia

THE Good Old Days of Variety will be staged at Dudley Town Hall on October 13 from 2pm.

Tickets are priced £11. For more information, or to book, call 01384 812812.

# Lessons learned from health complaints

HOSPITAL chiefs in Dudley say they are committed to 'learning lessons' after the number of patient complaints lodged with an ombudsman rose last year.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman was contacted 37 times regarding care at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, up from 31 in 2013-14.

Three of the complaints were upheld following 10 investigations.

Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said all complaints were taken extremely seriously and a robust system was in place for dealing with, and investigating, complaints.

She explained: "The trust uses all patient feedback, including complaints, to learn lessons and make improvements to practice where necessary and always complies with any recommendations set out in reports from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman."

"We always do our best to resolve complaints for patients to learn lessons from their experiences."

"Patients who lodge complaints receive detailed written responses and are also offered local resolution meetings in an attempt to resolve any issues."

"Occasionally, if patients are unhappy with how we have dealt with their complaint, they may choose to contact the Ombudsman who can take on the complaint on their behalf."

"When a case is partly or fully upheld by the Ombudsman, the trust receives a report which includes a summary of the patient's concerns, what we have done in response and any recommendations the Ombudsman would like us to action."

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust saw the number of complaints made to the ombudsman fall from 90 in 2013-14 to 67 over the last 12 months. Investigations were held into 13 and seven were fully or partly upheld, up from two.

Karen Beechey, head of Patient Advice and Liaison Services and complaints at the trust said: "The figures demonstrate that SWBH is working hard to resolve complaints locally."

# Hospital spent £6m on temps as 250 jobs cut

THE NHS trust that runs Russells Hall Hospital spent more than £6 million on agency staff at the same time as axing 250 posts to cut costs.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust forked out £6,325,792 for agency workers between April 2014 and March this year. But bosses said spending on agency staff had gone down from the previous year.

New figures, revealed by a Freedom of Information request, revealed agency staff clocked up a total of 139,228 hours during that period. They worked 26,622 hours in medical and dental areas of the trust at a cost of £2,415,940.

Agency staff were also used in qualified nursing roles for 65,216 hours to the tune of £2,622,738 and clocked up 7,842 hours in scientific, technical and therapy areas at a cost of £348,934. They were used for administrative and clerical work for 5,418 hours, costing £377,058, and in health care assistant roles for 34,130 hours, costing £561,121.

The money was spent at the same time the trust axed more than 250 posts in an effort to save £7.5m following Government funding cuts. This included 33 voluntary and eight compulsory redundancies.

Two hundred positions were scrapped at the trust by not filling vacancies as they arose. Dudley North MP Ian Austin said it was a 'crazy' situation.

### Shortage

"Across the country the bill for agency staff has risen over the past three years," he said. "At the same time more than half of NHS trusts, including Dudley Group, are in deficit. It is due to a shortage of staff and caused by the Government cutting the number of training places for nurses and staff."

Chief executive of the Dudley Group Paula Clark said the trust had reduced its agency costs from £7.13m in 2013/14.

"We are committed to ensuring all our patients receive the best possible care. Patient safety is always an absolute priority," she said.

"We always try to cover vacant shifts from our own staff bank before employing agency staff. We make no apologies for making sure our services are safe. There is a national shortage of qualified nurses, specialist doctors and other health professionals. To make sure patients are safe and cared for by appropriately skilled staff, we sometimes use agency staff to cover staff shortages."

## Colourful pastel art goes on show



Visitor services manager Sarah Hall at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone with works in the art exhibition

COLOURFUL images of people and places captured in pastel have gone on display at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone.

It is the first time the Birmingham and Midland Pastel Society has staged an exhibition at the venue and bosses at the attraction, in High Street, said it is proving popular.

The display, which will run until November 1, is being held in the showcase gallery and features

around 40 pictures, all of which are available to buy.

Visitor services manager Sarah Hall said: "It is the first time the society has held an exhibition at the cone and we are delighted to be showcasing its work."

"The pictures are very colourful and autumnal in a way, so it is the perfect time to be holding this exhibition. It has already generated a lot of interest from visitors."

The society was founded in the

early 1980s to provide a Midlands group for artists working in pastel. Its first display was held in 1984 at the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists' gallery.

In the 1990s the group was renamed Birmingham Pastel Society but took on its present title in 2006 to reflect its wider membership. It has since then held its biennial exhibitions in the city.

The exhibition is open between 10am and 4pm.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# New Street is better – except as a station

ON Friday, I took a day off work to see the revamped Birmingham New Street Station.

From the outside I thought it a little underwhelming, to be brutally honest. Smart and business-like, certainly, but not architecturally imposing. More London Euston than the truly great stations such as King's Cross or St Pancras.

But indoors? Fantastic. A huge glass dome casts a pool of natural light on the hordes below. There is a huge range of shops to cater for every need and budget. Then, there is an excellent range of cafes and restaurants, and that nasty old pub has now been replaced by a hip and stylish bar.

In short the new station is now a destination in itself.

There's just one problem though. Once one has finished sipping Prosecco in the atrium, having perused the contents of the John Lewis list, and devoured the exquisite range of cakes and ice creams, it is down the same old escalator into the same old dark, cramped and crowded New Street below. The same old drab, depressing platforms, the same old dingy lighting, the same old New Street.

The new station is better in every way than the old New Street, save for one aspect: being a railway station. On that score, it is still a big disappointment.

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LIKE most men, any visit to a retail establishment must first be preceded with a battle plan, the aim being to avoid any unwanted conversation with sales assistants whatsoever.

Chaps will know what I'm talking about; wait until other people enter the shop the same time as you do, move quickly but quietly, know what you are looking for before you go in, and don't whatever you do, make eye contact with any young man in a sharp suit.

However, during my visit to the New Street's Grand Central last week, it appears staff have come up with a cunning new ruse to combat us stealth shoppers. Now dressed in casual clothes, without any discernible identification, they mingle with the shoppers and gently engage them in conversation.

It also seems that some of the high-end retailers have stopped putting prices on their clothes. Presumably in the hope that people will ask a member of staff, and then feel obliged to pay the extortionately high price for fear of being thought of as rude or tight. Yeah, right.

As I've said many times before. These Brummies. They don't understand Black Country folk, do they?

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I THINK the least said about David Cameron and the Pig-gate allegations the better. Except that a horrible image comes into my head every time I tuck into a packet of pork scratchings.



The haul of 406 'binned' weapons at Handsworth West station



A close-up view of one of the weapons – a knuckleduster



Guns among the weapons put on display last week

# Bins move hope for life without the knife

Hundreds of deadly weapons have been handed in after bins were put out across the region. **ROB GOLLEDGE reports**

**LIKE a terrifying piece of modern art, 406 deadly weapons are displayed side by side for the first time.**

A serrated knuckleduster designed to maim victims, an intimidating 20-inch machete, and a fierce jigsaw blade are among the horrifying arsenal taken off the West Midlands streets in the past six months.

"They live in a life of perceived fear," says Mike Smith, founder of Word 4 Weapons, describing those who surrendered the haul in 11 deposit bins across Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

The aim is to rid the streets of these lethal killers. But expectations are realistic.

"In the Bible, it refers to people who live by the sword, end up dying by the sword, and the same applies now," he said. "Carrying a weapon does not save a life, it takes a life. The bins are not going to solve it alone."

## Surrendered

"People have been killing each other since Cain and Abel and that is not going to stop overnight. But it is part of the puzzle."

There were 406 weapons surrendered in the latest cache. But more than 15,000 have been collected across the West Midlands and London by this pioneering voluntary scheme since 2009. Mr Smith added: "I started in 2007 and the reason was that I saw so many young people lose their lives because of knives. We could never do this on our own. There is a lot of support from police, local authorities, and community organisations."

"We go into schools and talk about the consequences of carrying a knife and what could happen. In schools pupils are taught maths and English, how to make a baby but not how to save lives. These are the things that made



PCC David Jamieson with the haul of 406 weapons that have been taken off the streets

me feel we needed to do something. In the West Midlands the communities have been very engaged. They have asked for it and they have supported it.

"Knife crime has been around for a long, long time. I grew up in 1960 and can remember the skinheads, mods, rockers, punks, and teddy boys. They carried them around. In society we have a gang culture and territorial culture. If they knew the fact you are more likely to be injured or killed by carrying one they wouldn't do it."

"We have other influences out there such as TV and films. We can't stop those influences but as parents and guardians we can teach and coach our children to separate reality from fiction. A lot of education has to start at home."

"TV and films are dramatised. It feeds negativity by glamorising. Look at James Bond; he shoots people, and sleeps with many beautiful

women. We need to instil values in people so that they can separate fact from fiction."

"The reality of being in a gang is not glamorous. It is boring."

The perception of fear is something that is echoed by a top West Midlands police officer who works to clear knives and guns from the streets. Detective Constable Dave Webb said: "I work as a link between the community and the police. The scheme has helped establish trust with the local communities and from the number of knives and even fire arms deposited, the results speak for themselves."

"There were more than 100 knives in one bin in Wolverhampton including a live firearm. It is all about trust and confidence but it is important that this is something that is run by the community. Why do people carry knives? It is about protection. Because one person has a knife, someone else thinks they

need one. Each one of these lives represents a concerned mother or someone who has found a knife in their child's room and has the trust and confidence to get rid of it safely."

"They represent someone who has gone to school and had made that choice that they do not need it and surrendered it."

Knife crime has reduced from 4,116 incidents in 2002/03 to 1,555 last year.

But that is still an average of four knife crimes a day across the Black Country and Birmingham.

Community campaigner Desmond Jaddoo added: "I think a lot of it is peer pressure. They see others around them with knives and think they have to too. Others are poor and think the only way they can get what they want is to rob someone else."

In total, 406 items were last week emptied from the collection bins, including 104 in Whitmore Reans and 14 in Heath Town, both in Wolverhampton.

The city will host the first Word 4 Weapons Community Awards at Molineux next month to recognise the contribution made by people to rid knives from the streets.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "These are ordinary people who are coming together to get knives and weapons off our streets."

"The numbers here may be shocking but it shows the bins are working."

"Residents can be reassured that every effort is being made to reduce knife crime. The figures are down by a third in the last decade and schemes like this with faith leaders and community figures is effective."

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito said: "It is the community that has taken this action. Although looking at the number and sheer variety of the weapons is horrifying, this is good news. Each one of these knives is someone who has not been killed or stabbed."

"There were people who were sceptical at the start of this project but getting these weapons off our streets is encouraging."

There are bins in Whitmore Reans, Heath Town, Sparkbrook, Edgbaston, Hockley, Loddington, Erdington, and Aston.

Another bin is planned for the Sandwell area, likely to be in West Bromwich.

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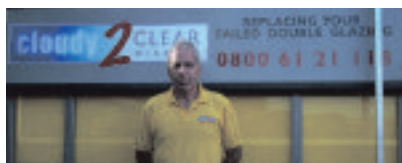
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# Congratulations on narrowboat events

MY congratulations to both Netherton and Tipton who hosted canal festivals across consecutive weekends in September.

I was pleased to perform at both and get drawn in by all the narrowboats and activities that were there to be enjoyed. I was particularly pleased to spend some time on the Ikon boat (being used as a creative art space) that I will be performing on at the Black Country Museum in October. The boat has been part of the Black Country Voyages project for a few years and will be near its Tipton home.

The colour of the boats and canal art on show always reminds me of the boats we saw around the Churchbridge area of Oldbury when we were kids.

My only regret was not recording conversations and sets played by performers that I could have used on my show the Omman Chain, now on Black Country Radio Sunday afternoons between 4 and 6.

The standard of performers at both events was only what I expect now when I move around the region giving talks or performing. To be part of the event brought the notion of celebration

of heritage to the fore. There is something very different between the boat festivals and other more community framed festivals. You are walking into the past in some sense while remaining very much in a contemporary setting. I am always honoured when asked to be involved in any of these events. Well done to everyone who put so much work into the events and next time I'll take a recorder and get some reactions from the families that are central to the success of any event of this kind.

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## What about the rules of rugby?

WHEN I was at school, we were taught the rules of rugby.

In the front row of the scrum, there should be two big guys on the outside, supporting a slightly smaller guy – the 'hooker'.

When the ball was thrown into the scrum, it should go through the middle, and the 'hookers', by sort of making a pedalling action with their feet, should compete for the ball.

The one who pulled the ball back to his teammates, who then recycled it back to the rear, won the scrum.

Simple isn't it? So why do the present players throw the ball into the feet of the players of their team?

This surely is cheating, isn't it?

Are all of the referees blind?

These days they could consult the guy who is watching the game via video, couldn't they?

P COLE  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Sadness over pubs sacrificed for stores

IT is very sad to see so many pubs being closed, replaced mainly by super or mini-markets. How many grocery outlets do we need?

Morrisons, for example, are closing two more stores, yet want to build another supermarket in Sedgley on the Seven Stars pub. This application should not be even considered.

How can it be right for companies like Morrisons to open and shut stores willy-nilly, throwing their employees out of work or moving them from their homes and environment?

The hoteliers in Dudley were recently appraising their selves on fully booked overnight stays, proving once more that the King Arthur has a future.

It stands on the gateway to Dudley and would make another hotel as tourism booms at the zoo and the Black Country Living Museum.

Don't give up on 'the Arthur' — it's much better than seeing another supermarket on your first visit to the Black Country surely.

M SAXON  
Tipton

## PM's brave talk fails to grasp truth

THE Prime Minister becomes the latest in a long line of chest thumping muscle flexing leaders to roar his defiance of the Taliban and all other terrorist organisations, including ISIS, as he thunders that he is ready to take on these organisations anywhere in the world. But, he warns, we cannot do this with air strikes alone, the time has come when we must be prepared to put boots on the ground!

The thing that I can never understand is why all these bravura MPs never seem to grasp as simple truth, that a goodly proportion of these 'boots' will be returned home in a military transport plane. Of course they will be neatly packed in brand new wooden boxes, and beautifully gift-wrapped in the Union flag.

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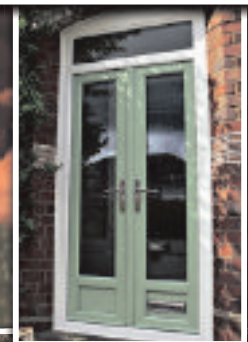
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## Recruitment drive proves successful

Grange (E) Guild

IN the absence of chairman Hazel Smith, treasurer Jill Attwood presided over the meeting at Grange Court, Stourbridge, on September 1 and welcomed all members and guests.

Jill read the minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted as a true record and duly signed. She then gave her financial report and secretary Jean Williams brought members up to date with future events within the Federation.

Following this brief meeting guild members enjoyed the Harvest supper which had been prepared and served by the committee. The meal consisted of two courses followed by tea and coffee.

The sales table was overflowing with Harvest produce and went well with everything being sold. The raffle was drawn and three lucky ladies won prizes. The committee were given a vote of thanks on behalf of all members.

At the next meeting on October 6, a representative from Boots will be giving a demonstration of Clarins beauty products. Visitors will be made most welcome.

The recruitment drive for new members has been very successful and the guild is still continuing to recruit for more.

Grange E Guild meets on the first Tuesday of every month except January. Any ladies wishing to join as guests you will be made most welcome. For any further information, contact Secretary Jean Williams on 01384832439.

# Guest Tony proves hive of information

Wordsley M Townswomen

## Humorous talk by Black Country Poet

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones was delighted to welcome several visitors and 37 members to the Himley House Hotel for the September Luncheon.

The new venue had been necessary because the Kingfisher Hotel had closed for refurbishment and hopes to be open before the new year.

The club will continue to meet the second Friday in each month.

No luncheon was held in August and instead members were invited to a coffee morning at the home of Ann and Mike Rogers. It had been a great success and in addition to good support from members, guests included MP Mike Wood, several local councillors, two representatives from the new owners of the Kingfisher and two from the magazine Village

Dudley South Ladies

Voice. The occasion raised £181 and was very popular and enjoyed by all.

On a lovely summer day in August Ann had also arranged a canal trip, including afternoon tea, from the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge.

The September guest speaker was the Black Country Poet David Bartley who had everyone laughing from beginning to end. His poems and tales were hilarious and he was asked to come back again.

October's speaker will be Mark Newbold, a Falklands War veteran, and in November it is Christine Gregory who will talk about Remembrance Day celebrations in other countries.

THE September meeting was opened by vice-chairman Ann Birchell who welcomed members and several visitors.

Because of the distracting alterations in the main hall in which the group meets, it was decided to introduce the speaker first and then deal with part of the business afterwards.

Ann introduced Tony Brake whose very interesting talk about honey bees began with him showing the old type of hive compared with the more modern type, one of which Tony had brought along and proceeded to construct. The clothing protection, also demonstrated, is far more superior today than that worn years ago. He also showed several other important items and gadgets and described their usage.

There followed the Harvest table sale. The Harvest lunch, organised by the Federation, is on October 7 at Wollaston Village Hall at 12.30pm.

At the meeting on October 19 at 10am, Ruth Lowe will relate the life and rise to fame of Mary Quant.

## Fashion icon speaker's topic

FORTY nine members attended the September meeting, chaired by Jean Latham.

A letter was received from June Pardoe following her hip operation.

The popular skittles evening has been arranged for next April. The next luncheon date is October 20 at The Fox, Stourton.

The Macmillan summer tea party has so far raised approximately £150. Sandra Oliver again won the premier singles bowls

Wollaston 'E' TWG

shield. Ruth Lowe gave an enlightening talk on the life of Mary Quant and brought along a number of clothing items and 60s memorabilia. Raffle prizes went to Beryl Blackmore and Pat Wilson, and competition winners were Pat McEwen and Joy Heath.

On October 13, Ian Drury will speak about the Portland and Ruskin Centre.

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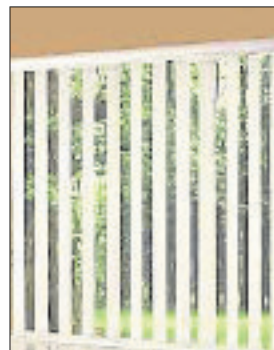
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# Why the need for Labour conference?



**SO, Conference season. Is it a crucial opportunity for MPs to re-connect with their core supporters or just yet another few weeks when they aren't in the Commons doing what we pay them for?**

The Liberal Democrats held theirs last week, managing to actually fill a conference hall. Presumably there weren't any phone boxes available.

Labour then descending on Brighton, which presumably deserves such an inconvenience because it dared two elections in a row to send a Green candidate to the Commons.

Part of me wonders what the real point is of Labour even having its conference.

## Contest

The party has just spent four months talking almost exclusively to itself in what started out as a self-indulgent leadership contest before turning into a self-destructive one. If it doesn't know after all that what it should be doing it never will.

But it is Jeremy Corbyn's chance to explain just how he intends to turn his clear and impressive mandate for the leadership into one to govern the country.

David Winnick knows a thing or three about elections, having fought and won every single one since 1979.

And while the Walsall North MP is no fan of Tony Blair, he also knows



Rob Marris, Wolverhampton South West



Walsall North MP David Winnick

that the former leader happened to lead Labour to three out of its five comfortable election wins since 1945.

Labour ended up in government after nine general elections since the war. But in 1950, 1964 and the second election of 1974 their majorities were thinner than any book Nigel Farage might publish entitled What I Like About the European Union.

Jeremy Corbyn is pretty popular among young people but think tank Demos found if every young person registered to vote did so and backed Labour, they'd still only have a majority of one, which is basically as good as naught all.

But while the conference season is the time to find out what the parties might want of themselves, there are those who would rather be doing something more useful.

Wolverhampton South West Rob Marris was staying local rather than join the big Brighton talking shop. His party could do worse than learn a thing or two from him. He was one of only a handful of Labour candidates to unseat a Tory in May. Mr Marris is obviously doing something right, without lurching that way politically.

The West Midlands Combined Authority wants to use public money to subsidise the M6 Toll to cut its prices or even make it free.

On paper it makes sense. But I can't see George Osborne going for it. Taking a private business and giving it public money to do what it was already doing without it doesn't really sit that well with a message that we're still 'all in this together'.

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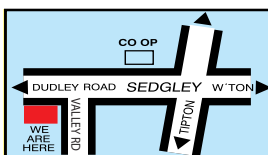


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# Guarantees sought on cash for fleeing Syrians

REFUGEES fleeing Syria will not be accepted by at least two West Midlands councils without guarantees of funding from the Government.

Council leaders in Sandwell and Walsall have ruled out taking any of the 20,000 Syrian refugees due to come to the UK unless they receive more than the one year of funding guaranteed from the international aid budget.

But Dudley Council has revealed it will take 20 refugee families while Wolverhampton council has said it is working on a plan to accept around 20 people. Syrian refugees will be funded by central government out of the international aid budget but it is only guaranteed for a year. It is not clear who will foot the bill for anyone who has not been given leave to remain after that.

## Destitute

There were calls for the Government to redraw its 'dispersal' areas for 'supported' asylum seekers after official figures revealed the Black Country has hundreds more than Birmingham while most of Shropshire has none and there are only four living in Cannock Chase.

'Supported' asylum seekers are those in receipt of public funds who would otherwise be destitute because they cannot work while their application to stay in the country is processed. Sandwell alone has 695 while Wolverhampton has 645, Walsall has 234 and Dudley has 226.

These figures account for all supported asylum seekers, not Syrian refugees currently arriving on the shores of Greece and other European countries, many of them travelling by dinghy and risking their lives.



Rohullah Yakobi, of Wolverhampton, with his wife Tahira, son Sa-aadat, aged five, and daughter Roya, eight months

Wolverhampton council leader Councillor Roger Lawrence, West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership chief, said: "Metropolitan boroughs have been designated as dispersal areas by the Home Office. We are arguing that the Government should designate other areas in the West Midlands as dispersal areas. These are not people funded in any way by local authorities. They are funded entirely by the Home Office. They are housed in the private sector. Often we do not know where they are."

Sandwell Council's leader Darren Cooper has informed the Home Office that his borough will not take any Syrian refugees 'as it currently stands', saying that the figures show there is

'clear evidence' that the Black Country has already taken more than areas of similar population size.

Warley MP John Spellar, who obtained the figures in a Parliamentary question, said: "The Government has been taking money away from councils who have been doing more than their fair share. I very much agree with Sandwell Council on this."

But a Conservative MP said the lack of asylum seekers in the county was down to the cost and supply of housing, which meant it was difficult to house new arrivals. South Staffordshire's Gavin Williamson said: "There's no point offering for people to come to an area where it is not possible to get them somewhere to live."

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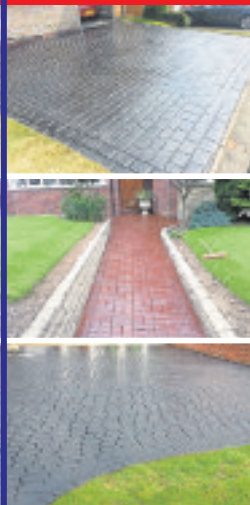
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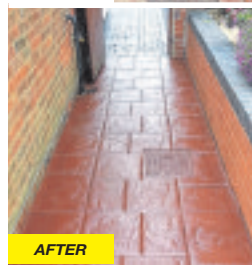
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They dressed up as different superheroes including Superman and Batman to mark the occasion.

The group met at the Dudley Arms, in Himley and cycled down the Stourbridge Road, from Himley through to Wombourne, doing a few laps around the village and stopping off to visit the local Methodist church. The group

then ran and walked to the Railway Cafe, Bratch Lane, before heading to a local leisure centre for a session of swimming and then cycling down the railway lane and back to the Dudley Arms finishing at around 2pm.

### Enjoy

Funeral director and organiser John Cumisky, aged 48, said: "It was a well received event and people seemed to enjoy seeing a bunch of superheroes cycling past them."

"We had great support from family, friends and all the locals that were cheering us on. It was a fantastic day

for a great cause and I think we've raised around £1,000 on that day alone."

Earlier this year the funeral service received the award of Fundraiser of the Year at the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Recognition Awards after collecting more than £25,000 over the years.

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## Comedy play is pure murder

THE audience will be kept guessing as an amateur dramatics society brings its murder mystery show to the Black Country.

But the Play Murder in Play, at King-swinford Methodist Church from Wednesday, October 7, is a whodunnit with plenty of laughs.

Director of the Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society production Andrew Rock said: "It is a comedy murder mystery set in a failing drama society with lots of has-been actors, one of whom has been bumped off. It is a murder mystery with some great laughs and some very over-the-top performances."

The show will run for four nights until October 10 and around 150 people are expected to attend each night.

Tickets cost £7 and can be ordered by calling (01384) 273026.

# Argos looking for more than 350 festive season workers

**ARGOS is looking to recruit 377 seasonal workers to work across its stores in the West Midlands to deal with the Christmas rush.**

The company wants 335 customer helpers to support Argos' 30 stores in the area to meet demand for toys, video games, technology and other popular gifts over the festive season.

In addition 42 drivers "with great customer service skills" are wanted to work as part of Argos' store to customer door distribution ser-

vice during the peak shopping season, which it expects to be highly popular with customers looking for same-day delivery.

The retail chain said initial contracts for all vacancies were around three months, but held out the hope of some jobs becoming permanent at the end of the season.

Recruits will be offered a minimum of 10 hours per week with a minimum of six hours per week for weekend staff.

The recruitment is part of a nationwide hunt by Argos for 9,000 Christmas staff, with jobs available at stores across the UK.

Across the West Midlands Argos has stores in Dudley, Walsall, Oldbury, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, Bentley Bridge in Wednesfield, Bilston, West Bromwich, Rugeley, Kidderminster, two in Cannock and another two in Stafford.

The company says it serves 121 million customers every year with 19 out of 20 people living less than 10 miles from one of its stores.

Leigh Baxter, regional manager for the West Midlands at Argos said: "Christmas is the busiest and most exciting time to be in retail."

Interested candidates can apply for all roles at [www.argosxmasjobs.co.uk](http://www.argosxmasjobs.co.uk).

## Tar very much for punk rock

A PUNK rock supergroup is coming to Bilston's Robin 2 venue as part of a short UK tour.

The Jack Tars feature Captain Sensible from The Damned; Mike Peters, front-man of Welsh rockers The Alarm; Slim Jim Phantom of rockabilly revivalists The Stray Cats; and Chris Cheney, singer with Aussie punks The Living End.

Fans are told to anticipate classics including Neat Neat Neat, Rock This Town and Sixty Eight Guns, plus Australia's biggest selling record of the '90s, Prisoner of Society.

Tickets cost £17.50 in advance or £19.50 on the door. See [www.therobin.co.uk](http://www.therobin.co.uk) for further details or call the box office on 01902 401211.

## All aboard for boat bonanza



Boater Derek Jervis, of Newcastle, at The Black Country Living Museum's weekend afloat

IT was all aboard at a boat festival marking the history of travel on the region's canals and rivers.

Hundreds of families arrived at the Black Country Living Museum to see the vessels which had arrived as part of the Historic Boaters' Gathering.

Visitors to the Dudley attraction experienced what life was like on the water during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Volunteers led talks, while people were also allowed to jump on board some of the boats and take a look around.

A 134-year-old tug boat was among the older attractions on show.

There were demonstrations and activities to keep families entertained during the two-day event.

Andrew Hoyle, one of the boat owners moored at the museum for the event, said

he rarely missed an opportunity to take his boat, which was built in 1925, to historical events up and down the country.

The 59-year-old, who is normally docked at Fradley Junction in Staffordshire, welcomed visitors onto his boat. He said: "It was excellent. There were lots of people, lots of families.

"There were a full range of boats from various periods, right up to the modern day. It was a good family day out."

There were more than 40 historic boats on display.

Another of them was Derek Jervis' large Woolwich boat, built in 1936. The 56-year-old said: "It has been fabulous, there have been a lot of people around and everyone has been getting into the spirit of it.

"This is a big event in the boating world and we all enjoy it immensely."

## Vicious robber hunted after attack on worker

A MANHUNT has been launched for a robber who slashed a shop worker with a blade and escaped with £3,000.

The robbery took place at the Cost Cutter store on Common Road, Wombourne, and left the 21-year-old cashier from Wolverhampton needing hospital treatment.

The worker suffered cuts to his head and face and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries and shock.

Shopkeeper Tony Singh said it was vital that the 'animal' who carried out the attack at 10pm on Sunday, September 20, be caught. Mr Singh, who has run the store since it opened in 1993, said: "Our member of staff was totally ambushed. This guy has slashed his face and left him in a pool of blood."

Staffordshire Police have urged anyone with information to contact Detective Constable Marc Bailey on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## War show at town hall

STOURBRIDGE singer Maggie O'Hara features in First World War play Brummegem Pals at Dudley Town Hall in November.

Written by and featuring veteran entertainers Don Maclean and Malcolm Stent, the moving play tells the story of two friends seeking adventure and follows their journey to the horrific Battle of the Somme.

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## FOCUS ON SEDGLEY AND GORNAL

# Campaigners vow to fight on to save Seven Stars pub

A FORMER office block in Upper Gornal that was once home to a computer training company will be demolished.

Tatton Hall Homes applied to Dudley Council for permission to bulldoze University House in Jews Lane.

The large office building is the former base of Computeach International which sells computer training worldwide.

Most of the company's operation was moved to a new purpose-built block just yards away 15 years ago.

Dudley Council's planning officers rubber stamped the demolition project this week.

Tatton Hall Homes has yet to revealed exact plans for the site.

New housing developments have been built nearby in recent years.

## £1.3m home conversion

WORK on a £1.3 million project to convert the former Arcal Lodge care home in Sedgley into new council homes has begun.

The building will transformed into six apartments, along with eight bungalows.

The project is expected to be completed in March 2016.

Construction has also started to build homes on the sites of the former council depot at The Walk in Sedgley.

**CAMPAIGNERS** have been dealt a blow as supermarket giant Morrisons pushed ahead with its bid to turn a Sedgley pub into a convenience store.

Protesters had believed their fight to save the Seven Stars on Gospel End Road had been won when the firm withdrew a licensing application.

But Morrisons has now re-submitted the paperwork, confirming the application was only withdrawn on a technicality, saying that they had always intended to continue with the process.

Sedgley ward Councillor Bill Etheridge, also a UKIP MEP, said: "I'm astonished and truly furious. They won't get this through without the battle of their lives."

"Nothing is off the table, we'll do whatever it takes to show Morrisons this is a pig-headed step. They've got to understand we will fight this tooth and nail, and if they think they're going to be in by Christmas they've got another thing coming."

He has urged campaigners to submit objections to Dudley Council's licensing committee.

Morrisons appealed against refusal of planning permission for the store and seemed all set to take over after the appeal was successful.

by David Cosgrove

However, protesters trying to prevent the move were handed an unexpected boost when the troubled company withdrew its licensing application. Earlier this month the firm announced it was to sell off 140 M local convenience stores, many of which were making a loss.

Councillor Etheridge said direct action could be necessary.

"I don't oppose us standing in front of the place when they come in to work on it," he said.

"I'm comfortable with that because this is much more than just saving a pub now. It's about the contempt being shown by these companies for the people of this area and their elected representatives, of all political shades. If it takes us standing there and blocking the entrance, then so be it."



The pub's supporters took their protest to the Wolverhampton HQ of pub company Marstons, owners of the Seven Stars

## Residents want action on parking

RESIDENTS are demanding tougher enforcement measures on roads in Lower Gornal, claiming inconsiderate drivers are putting lives at risk.

They say motorists are ignoring double-yellow lines and parking their cars where they cause a problem.

Residents are calling for parking enforcement patrols to be stepped up.

Roads named as trouble spots for parking include Roberts Street and Red Hall Road. There are schools on both roads.

Councillor Dave Brannwood said the problems in Lower Gornal had been reported at a recent community forum.

Dudley Council's environment boss, Councillor Hilary Bills said illegal parking around schools was something regularly tackled through the enforcement team.

## Call for limits on 'rat run'

PROPOSALS to impose speed and weight limits on a 'rat run' road in Sedgley are being considered by Dudley Council.

Sedgley Councillor Bill Etheridge put forward ideas for a 20mph speed and for imposing a 7.5-ton weight limit on Kings Road after carrying out a survey of residents.

He said: "This estate is fraught with problems. It is frequently down to single file traffic and tempers get frayed as a result."

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## Fly-tipping down in South Staffs

REPORTS of fly-tipping has fallen by a quarter in South Staffordshire in five years. Council bosses say a crackdown on the problem is working, with nine people prosecuted last year – the highest in the region.

Fly-tipping is rocketing in most areas of the Black Country and Staffordshire with 13,296 reports last year but just 12 prosecutions. More than £1.7 million was spent by councils over the last three years tackling the problem.

But in South Staffordshire last year nine people were prosecuted and convicted for fly-tipping, resulting in fines and costs of more than £8000.

Roger Lees, South Staffordshire Council's cabinet member for legal and public health protection, said: "We still think this is too many. All fly-tipping is an absolute disgrace. This is why we are proactively dealing with the issue."

Dudley's fly-tipping total rose from 729 to 820 in three years.

# Father's trek on the Great Wall of China for hospital

**AN intrepid Coseley man clocked up thousands of steps and nearly 100 miles as he trekked along the Great Wall of China to raise cash for the hospital which cared for his son.**

Jason Addison, aged 44, has now returned from the challenge and is on course for his £10,000 fundraising target, although more donations are welcome.

He covered the distance in just five days taking in sections of the wall at Beijing, Huangyahuan, Taipingzhai, Qiangjian, and Shuichang.

The cost of the trek was self-funded so all the money donated will be given to Birmingham Children's Hospital Oncology Unit Ward 15.

Mr Addison, who runs Addison Tyres in Tipton, said it had been a remarkable experience but tougher than expected.

He added: "It is a breathtaking sight to look back and see the wall snaking back behind you. However, it was very tough going. Each step is so steep."

Mr Addison, from Coseley, said his son, Scott, had leukaemia when he was four and was cared for at the hospital. Scott is now in remission, fit and well and turns 21 this year.

To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/addison-tyres-china-trek](http://www.justgiving.com/addison-tyres-china-trek)



Jason Addison during his walk on the Great Wall

## Support group is for carers

CARERS are invited to attend a new regular drop-in event in Dudley town centre. Carers Tea and Chat links people who support friends or relatives who have a disability or a long-term illness, with other carers and organisations. The service launching tomorrow (Fri) is a partnership between Dudley Carers Network, Healthwatch Dudley and Dudley CVS.

Sharon McGlynn, carer coordinator from Dudley CVS, said: "Carers Tea and Chat is an informal way for them to meet other people in the same situation while finding out about help and support that may be available".

It will be on the first and third Friday of every month between 9.30am and noon in the Lunch on the Run café at DY1, part of a new community building in Stafford Street. Contact Healthwatch Dudley on 03000 111 001.

## King Shazad lifted his 50th mile-stone



Shahzada Saleem with the heaviest stone he lifted

ACCOLADES were paid to an Asian sporting legend from Dudley as guests marked his 50th birthday.

Shahzada Saleem, better known as King Shazad, became world champion in Asian stone lifting and broke numerous records. Friends, family and dignitaries attended his 50th birthday celebrations at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, organised by his son Shaz Saleem, chairman of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho presented Mr Saleem with a trophy in recognition of his career. Mr Saleem's son Shaz said: "His dedication to stone lifting has inspired the next generation to follow in his footsteps."

Mr Saleem was born in Pakistan but his family moved to England when he was one and settled in Dudley. He took up stone lifting in 1983, aged 16, and two years later became the youngest world champion, lifting 160kg (around 350lbs) when he only weighed 12 stone himself. He set a benchmark of 441lbs (201kg) in 1995. After retiring from the sport he began coaching youngsters and concentrated on the family business Beacon Taxis, based in Sedgley.

## Globetrotters slam dunk 60th at arena

BASKETBALL legends the Harlem Globetrotters are back with a new generation of trick shot wizards in the tradition of Meadowlark Lemon and Fred 'Curly' Neal.

The exhibition team celebrate 90 years of the Globetrotters at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on April 30, 2016, as part of their anniversary world tour.

They will draw from a star-studded roster including Big Easy Lofton, Ant Atkinson, Hi-Lite Bruton, Thunder Law, Bull Bullard and Cheese Chisholm, plus female stars TNT Maddox and Sweet J Ekworomadu.

The Globetrotters' performance is a one-of-a-kind show with ball handling magic, rim-rattling dunks, trick shots, comedy and unequalled fan interaction. The event is designed to entertain the whole family.

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# 16 It's all the best from Starsailor

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Love not money inspired the Starsailor reunion, singer James Walsh tells Andy Richardson

**THE time to release a 'best of' is usually the time when a band is all washed up. That, at least, is the theory.**

James Walsh, frontman with Starsailor, is having none of it. He thinks his band can surprise people when they hit the road in a few short months to support their new album, Good Souls – The Greatest Hits, including a gig at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton next Thursday, October 8.

The album kicks off with the band's three biggest hits in the shape of Good Souls (No 12), Silence is Easy (No 9) and Alcoholic (No 10). The album features a further seven Top 40 hits, as well as fans' favourites such as Tie Up My Hands and Fidelity, which became staples of the band's live shows.

"It's been over 15 years since the band first formed and the songs still mean something to people," says frontman James Walsh. "They still sing the words passionately back at us at gigs. We hear stories of how songs have soundtracked key moments in their lives."

"That's why we felt it was the right time to release this album – hopefully if the songs mean this much to our loyal fans this collection can help spread the word wider. People who know us for Four To The Floor or Alcoholic can delve a little deeper."

In addition, the album boasts two new tracks recently recorded with producer Harry Rutherford at the Fisher Lane Studios.

"Give Up The Ghost came from the energy of being back together after



Starsailor, from left, Ben Byrne, James Stelfox, James Walsh and Barry Westhead

so much time," explains Walsh. "It's about not being ready to give up on something despite the challenges that you face." The other new track is the ballad Hold On. "The lyrics are about reassuring someone who has their life ahead of them and passing wisdom onto them," he adds. "We wanted to get an anthemic chorus which should get the crowd going."

Completed by James Stelfox (bass), Ben Byrne (drums) and Barry Westhead (keyboards), Starsailor shot to prominence with the release of their debut single Fever. Their 2001 debut album reached No 2.

"I think we all got carried away with all the success for a while. It's

amazing how quickly things happen. You get used to the success and think that's the road you're on. You build it up and build it up. When it slows down, you just get on with it really. It would be easy to be bitter and angry about things because we didn't sell so many, but that's when you have to take a step away. You have to enjoy the music."

"I'm involved in other things that do alright for me. I'm not just reliant on Starsailor. Putting the band back together is more about the love of it."

Good Souls: The Greatest Hits follows the band's reunion with a triumphant set at the Isle of Wight Festival 2014. They toured as guests



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the Nerf Activity Ring. The nation's most skilled and heroic dogs will showcase their talents in the Super Dogs Live competition.

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LOW-COST Eastern European airline Wizz Air has become the latest to arrive Birmingham Airport, launching new flights to Warsaw and Budapest.

Wizz is the seventh airline to sign up for the West Midlands gateway as the airport heads for what is expected to be its busiest-ever year.

Based in Hungary, Wizz is the largest budget airline in Central and Eastern Europe and its inaugural flight arrived at Birmingham from Warsaw with 147 passengers on board.

Welcoming Wizz Air's inaugural flight from Warsaw were the airport's Chief executive, Paul Kehoe, and the Polish Honorary Consul for the West Midlands, Wyre Forest District Councillor Fran Oborski.

Mr Kehoe said, "It is fantastic to welcome another new airline to Birmingham; our seventh this year. Both Warsaw and Budapest are popular tourist destinations that have not been served from Birmingham for some time. We are extremely pleased to be able to offer our customers even more choice and thank Wizz Air for recognising the Midlands as a new market opportunity."

These two new routes each operate twice a week, with Warsaw oper-

ating each Monday and Friday and Budapest each Tuesday and Saturday. Flights are available to book via wizzair.com from £15.49 each way.

Mrs Oborski said "With such a large Polish community living in the Midlands, this new Warsaw service will be welcomed by many who need greater connectivity to visit friends and family.

"Warsaw is also a stunning city with varied architecture and thriving nightlife and music scene so I am certain that the route will also be popular with Midlanders wanting to explore Poland's fascinating capital city."

Birmingham Airport has recorded its busiest 12 months with more than 10 million passengers.

Latest figures reveal 10,004,119 arriving and departing passengers passed through the terminal between August 28 last year and August 27 this year — the highest number of a 12 month period in the airport's 76 year history. It also represents a 5.1 per cent increase compared to the same period the previous year.

Birmingham is just one of three UK airports outside of London that handles more than 10 million passengers a year.



Celebrating the inaugural Warsaw flight with Wizz Air from Birmingham were, from left, Paul Kehoe, Birmingham Airport Chief Executive; Wizz Air First Officer Tony Keel; Wyre Forest Councillor Fran Oborski, Polish Honorary Consul for the West Midlands; Wizz Air Ambassador Angelika Michalik; and William Pearson, Birmingham Airport's Aviation Development Director

# Police gets hundreds of calls for help over forced marriage fear

WEST Midlands Police have dealt with more than 300 pleas for help from people fearful of being forced into marriage with a stranger over the past 12 months.

Support group Karma Nirvana says it has taken hundreds of calls for help from the region in the first six months of this year.

Investigations into six proposed weddings involving people from the West Midlands have led to arrests since forced marriage was banned in June last year. None led to a successful prosecution. There has only been one of those in the UK, a 34-year-old man from South Wales jailed for a total of 16 years for rape, bigamy and forced marriage.

More than 60 Forced Marriage Protection Orders have been issued by West Midlands Police over the past three years giving officers the power to confiscate passports from those in danger of being taken out of the country against their will.

Detective Sergeant Trudy Runham, West Midlands Police forced marriage expert, said: "We have safeguarded hundreds of people by moving them out of the area or putting safety plans in place for them but this success goes unrecognised as the spotlight is always on prosecution numbers.

"Those who suffer do not want to criminalise their family they just want their behaviour to change."

Those looking for help over forced marriage can contact West Midlands Police by phoning 101 or, in an emergency, 999. Karma Nirvana can be reached on 0800 599 9247 or online at the [www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk) website.

# Hospital complaints double in 12 months

THE number of complaints upheld over shoddy care at Black Country and Staffordshire hospitals has more than doubled in a year.

In 2014-15, 29 complaints were partly or fully endorsed at five trusts, compared with 13 the previous year, despite the total number of complaints to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman falling, from 248 to 240.

Nationally, there was a 13 per cent rise in complaints, with errors in diagnosis, poor treatment and lack of communication topping the list. Poor attitudes and behaviour of staff were factors in 20 per cent of cases, with non-medical care a factor in almost half of all complaints received.

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust saw the number of complaints made to the ombudsman fall from 69 in 2013-14 to 62 last year, although the number of upheld investigations rose from two to nine.

The ombudsman received 37 inquiries regarding care at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, up from 31 in 2013-14, with three complaints upheld following 10 investigations.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals (SWBH) NHS Trust saw the number of complaints made to the ombudsman fall from 90 in 2013-14 to 67 over the last 12 months. Investigations were held into 13 of the complaints, up from 12 the previous year. Seven complaints were fully or partly upheld, up from two.

by Peter Madeley

The ombudsman received 22 inquiries regarding care received at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, down from 25 in 2013-14. Four complaints were fully or partly upheld, up from three last year.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust saw a steep rise in complaints from 33 to 52 with the number of complaints upheld doubling to six over the last year.

## Encourage

Najam Rashid, associate medical director at the trust, said: "The trust cares for and supports more than 800,000 patients on average each year and we actively encourage them to make a complaint if they feel our usual high standards have fallen short.

"We really value the opportunity to work with patients, their families and carers and the wider community to bring about improvements to our services and complaints are just one way in which we can work in partnership with them to do this."

# New education centre

A FORMER high school is to be demolished to make way for a new £1.6 million education centre.

The bulldozers are set to move in on Pensnett High School in Tiled House Lane after Dudley Council's application was approved.

The school closed in August 2010 despite a campaign by parents to save it.

The new education centre built in its place will support young people with learning difficulties.

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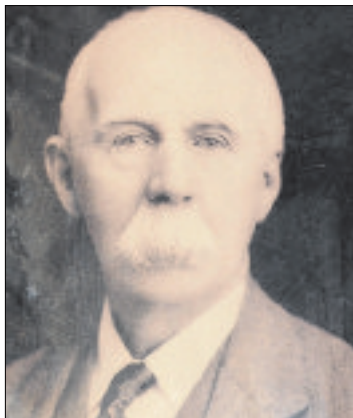
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Short Heath United FC, one of the teams in the first year of the J.W. Hunt Cup, in 1926



Walter, of Wolverhampton, with the cup, at the Pavilion



JW Hunt Cup life member Walter Wakeman, in the 1980s

# Lots of celebrations and surprises as JW Hunt Cup hits 90-year milestone

**LAUGHTER** and surprises were the name of the game at the 90th anniversary celebration of the historic JW Hunt Cup that sees amateur footballers battle it out for the right to appear at Molineux.

Launched in 1926, the competition has raised £308,000 to help blind residents since its creation.

The recent gathering, at the Goodyear Pavilion, in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, was part of a series of activities being held to mark the milestone.

Proceeds from the popular competition are donated to Beacon Centre for the Blind.

At the event the competition's former secretary and treasurer Walter Wakeman was presented with an engraved glass decanter in recognition of his more than 35 years service to the football cup.

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Deborah Hardiman

Mr Wakeman, 86, of Lodge Road, Oxley, was invited to become secretary in 1985 replacing Peter Crane, before taking on the treasurer's role in 1994 – a post he gave up only last year.

The trophy is named in memory of John William Hunt, a businessman and benefactor who founded the local Chillington Tool Company and was a supporter of charities in the area.

### Tireless

Mr Wakeman, also a retired referee, says: "The whole idea for the JW Hunt Cup was to raise money for the Blind Institute that was based almost opposite Molineux in Waterloo Road.

The first final was held in 1927 when it

cost only pence to go and watch. "It is wonderful that the competition has been running for so long.

"It's not just about me. A lot of other people have been tireless in their work for it." He was presented with the special gift by Wolverhampton Wanderers club secretary Richard Skirrow, who praised him for his dedication to the sport.

Teams that compete come from a 40-mile radius from the Birmingham, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire Football Associations and the final is held at Molineux. The inaugural winners were Short Heath United, who beat Cannon Iron.

The silver trophy which has distinctive 'crocodile' design handles has been won by Tividale FC for the last two years and was on display at the event along with memorabilia collected by the cup's committee over the decades, including winning team photographs, players' badges, and medals.

Chillington's trademark was the 'crocodile', and this was incorporated into the cup.

Cup president Alex Hamil, of Ettingshall Park, said: "We are very proud to be in our 90th year and are looking forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary.

"There used to be thousands of these competitions all over the place, now there are just a few so I'm very proud to see still going we hope to see it carry on for many years to come.

"Without people like Walter this competition just wouldn't happen. We appreciate everything that he's done."

Around 60 supporters of the cup including referees and former players attended the event that included a buffet and a raffle with proceeds going the Beacon Centre for the Blind, which is based in Sedgley Road East.

Earlier this year an exhibition of cup memorabilia was held at the Black Country Living Museum.

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# Poundland founder is VIP guest at launch of charity

POUNDLAND founder Steve Smith was the guest of honour at the opening of a new charity in the Black Country.

Mr Smith was invited along to Discover U, at Unit 20 on Delph Road, Brierley Hill.

The charity offers an all new support programme for people with learning disabilities. The base covers 15,000 sq ft and runs a four day work programme specialising in the making and design of homeware.

Former Poundland boss Mr Smith paid a visit on Saturday. Mr Smith, originally from Willenhall, said: "It was an absolute honour to be asked to open the charity."

"It was amazing talking to the parents, who were saying that before the programme some of their children were finding it hard to get up in the morning but now they are happy and full of life."

Mr Smith hopes to find more funding for those with learning disabilities in the local area.

He added: "It's about getting more people involved in charities like this in the local area, and most importantly helping them get on a road to a brighter future."

Owners Karen Muller and the VIP's namesake Steve Smith came up with the initiative after being made redundant.



Poundland founder Steve Smith, centre, with charity bosses Karen Muller and Steve Smith

# Officers find drug farm on house call

POLICE found more than they were looking for when they went to an address to see a gas company warrant issued – and discovered a £20,000 drugs farm.

Cannabis was being grown in the bedrooms of the house in Pritchard Street, Brierley Hill, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The 39 plants being cultivated under a hydroponic system were capable of producing up to £21,000 worth of street deals, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

Luke Zarelli, who rented the property, was arrested. "He plainly has a cannabis habit but accepted that there was a commercial element," added the prosecutor.

Mr Richard Davenport, defending, said his client was taking steps to get off drugs and find work.

Zarelli, now of Collis Street, Amblecote, pleaded guilty to cultivating cannabis and was given 12 months jail, suspended for two years, with 120 hours unpaid work.

# Driver is jailed after ramming police car

A BANNED driver from Dudley sped through six sets of red lights at up to twice the speed limit during an alarming chase, a judge heard.

At one point Adrian Paskin stopped the Ford Focus he was driving and reversed it into a pursuing police car before roaring away again, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 31-year-old was travelling so fast when he hurtled over a hump back bridge that the car became airborne with all four wheels off the ground, said Mr Andrew Wilkins, prosecuting.

Officers started to follow Paskin after he was spotted driving at 70 mph in a 40 limit in Dudley around noon on July 31 but he ignored their flashing lights and siren. He sped down Birmingham Road and continued through a string of streets, mainly residential, before he rammed the police car in Himley Road.

The Focus raced off, travelled on the wrong side of the road, went through a string of red lights and flew over a hump back bridge before finally coming to a standstill.

## Offences

Paskin, of Blue Bell Road, Wrens Nest, had previous convictions involving 52 separate offences that included seven cases of banned driving together with multiple offences of robbery, burglary and theft.

Mr Jonathan Barker, defending, explained that Paskin was battling a long term addiction to Class A drugs. He conceded: "This was a bad piece of driving by somebody with a number of previous convictions. What

by John Scott

he did is inexcusable. He panicked but unfortunately was concentrating more on getting his next fix than the safety of other road users. That is the bleak truth.

"It is in his best interests and that of the general public that he is given help."

He added: "He was involved in a road accident at the age of 12 during which he saw his best friend burned alive. It was a deeply traumatic experience for which he received some assistance but when that stopped he started to self-medicate with drugs."

"There are times when defendants need a chance to see if they can make long term improvements to their life and he would like an opportunity to change."

Paskin pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and having no insurance. He was jailed for 14 months and banned from driving for two years from the date of his release from prison.

Judge Stephen Eyre QC told him: "You of all people should be conscious of the dangers to other people of those who drive dangerously."

# Old Tarmac HQ lined up to become school

PLANS have been submitted to turn the former Tarmac headquarters near Cosely into a free school with a Sikh ethos. The construction firm's old HQ in Millfields Road, Etingshall, will house the British Sikh School if the scheme is given the nod.

Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre is also set to move to the disused Tarmac site in 2016 but in a different building.

The school aims to have 840 pupils and between 65 and 70 staff by 2022/23. It will start with 240 pupils in 2016/17, with 120 pupils in Year 7 and 120 pupils in Year 8. This number will then increase in similar intervals each year until all year groups up to Year 13 are present in 2022.

All children will be aged between 11 and 18.

The free school is currently based at the former Parkfields School site on Wolverhampton Road East for 2015/16 but it hopes to move in time for the 2016/17 academic year.

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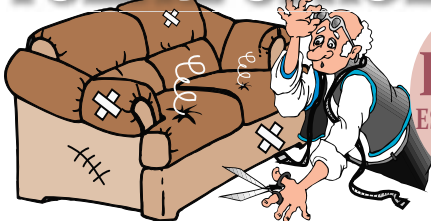
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## Rare treat with Born Again Christians

Christians, Roachford, Wulfrun Hall GARRY Christian addresses the audience: "I'm a bit nervous, we've only been doing this for 28 years."

Well, Garry, it shows. A more polished and spine-tingling performance from one of the late '80s biggest bands, would be hard to find, and yet here we were with The Christians and another leading British proponent of fine soul-inspired rock/pop, Roachford, on the same bill. A rare treat indeed.

Garry may be the only surviving member of the band which took the music world by storm in 1987 but he has surrounded himself with amazing musicians. The self-effacing, 49-year-old and cantankerous — so he says — frontman still has that velvety voice which could melt chocolate.

We were treated to all the classics, Forgotten Town, Born Again and a storming encore rendition of Harvest For The World, each one showing off

an amazing vocal blend courtesy of Joey Ankras and Neil Griffiths.

Roachford, of course, is all about one man, Andrew Roachford. Musicality oozed from his fingertips and his band were happy to let him take centre stage with hook-laden classics such as Only To Be With You, The Way I Feel and This Generation, with his breakthrough hit Cuddly Toy bringing everyone to their feet for a rousing finale.

Graeme Andrew

## Liz shows serious and playful side

Liz Simcock

Woodman Folk Club

THE friendly Kingswinford club welcomed well travelled singer/songwriter Liz Simcock who took to the stage this time for a solo performance.

Simcock is a gentle, laid back singer who claims to model herself on the great Joni Mitchell although her sound is quiet distinct from her idol.

Her set really consisted of serious and slow moving ballads such as The Long Haul, about sticking by each other through thick and thin and City Girl about longing to be out in the quiet countryside, or perkier comedy songs such as The Bouzouki and the W3 which was inspired by when she left her newly acquired instrument on a London bus.

There was the occasional twee song too in the form of The Knitting Song, not really fodder for the local rugby club, but a nice enough ditty for that.

Most of the set was taken from her fourth album Friday Night Train Home which is available now.

Danny Farragher

## REVIEWS



Violinist Nicola Benedetti performed with passion and verve at Symphony Hall, Birmingham

## Vivaldi by violin virtuoso

Nicola Benedetti, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ACCLAIMED Scottish violinist Nicola Benedetti paid tribute to her father's homeland with an Italian themed concert on Saturday.

Opening with Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, the 28-year-old former young musician of the year took the solos in a string ensemble that included her partner on and off stage, German cellist Leonard Elschenbroich.

Miss Benedetti played with vigour and a joy as infectious as her smile but her energetic approach was tempered with an understanding that teased fresh qualities from such a well-known and much-loved piece.

The first half of the concert ended with a Vivaldi excerpt but this time the famous violinist played a supporting role to the highly talented young string players from

the National Children's Orchestra. There was nothing patronising about this addition to the programme as the young musicians' standards were impeccable.

After the interval, came Duetti D'Amore, by Mark-Anthony Turnage, written for Benedetti and her cellist partner. A challenging piece, it reflected the phases and foibles of a human relationship, from discord to harmony. Its five brief sections, lasting a total of 15 minutes, received polite applause rather than the enthusiastic appreciation of the Vivaldi. It was rewarding to hear a new work which had received its premiere as part of this short tour.

The performance ended with the return of her fellow musicians for a romantic Russian take on the Italian theme in Tchaikovsky's Souvenir De Florence, which Miss Benedetti led with passion and verve.

Leon Burakowski

## Mothers — pride for Swim Deep

### ALBUM REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

BIRMINGHAM'S Swim Deep go back to go forward on their second album, Mothers.

The light but compelling bliss pop of 2013's Where The Heaven Are We has been replaced by a tougher tripped-out sound blending psychedelic excess with the bleary eyed trance dance sounds of baggy Manchester, circa The Stone Roses and The Happy Mondays.

There is the odd mis-step. Namaste sounds like The Boo Radleys given a tinny Stock-Aitken-Waterman production, while Forever Spaceman finds frontman Austin Williams channeling Syd Barrett around the time of Pink Floyd's Interstellar Overdrive.

But the enhanced five-piece (keyboardist James Balmont now a fully-fledged member) have a fuller, more varied sound on Mothers, which the band dedicated to child-bearers, rather than Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention.

Grand Affection is a compelling Depeche Mode-like groove and Is There Anybody Out There has cinematic grandeur. Other highlights include the wonky charms of Green Conduit and Laniakas, the Spandau Ballet meets Simple Minds sound of Imagination and the closing Fuelho Boogie built on a Giorgio Moroder-like disco beat.

Now Mothers gets road tested when Swim Deep have a home city gig at Birmingham Institute on Saturday, October 17, as part of their UK tour.

Lana Del Rey takes her languid style of femme fatale vocals into echo chambers of chilled minimalist drama on her third major label album, Honeymoon.

The title track opens the album oozing the retro cool of a 1950s torch singer backed by icy strings. It sets the tone for a self-assured exercise in magnificent morose moodiness, reaching a peak of gothic romance on The



Two years after their debut, Swim Deep release second album Mothers

Blackest Day. The album closes with New Yorker Del Rey's sparse cover of Nina Simone and Animals hit Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood.

Formed more than ten years ago by a group of university students in Stafford, Editors have matured elegantly and are now among the finest exponents of dark, melancholy indie rock. Synths and strings, rather than guitars, are at the forefront of fifth album In Dream, which underlines the subtle shift in style since the departure of guitarist Chris Urbanowicz in 2012 and arrival of Justin Lockey and Elliott Williams.

Singer Tim Smith has developed a rich sonorous vocal (think Cave and Ferry) but it is flexible, going from mellow to anguished falsetto on opener No Harm. On three tracks he is joined by Slowdive singer Rachel Goswell, a particularly effective partnership on Ocean Of Night. Life Is A Fear and Our Love both have particularly seductive vibes and the album ends at its best with the rather lovely All Cost and the slow-burning epic Marching Orders. Editors will be in concert at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Friday, October 16.

Exciting is not a word I have previously associated with Oxford's Foals. Efficient yes, but never exciting, until fourth album What Went Down.

The band have developed some rock muscle to go along with the pulsating percussion and fluid, weaving guitar hooks, and singer/guitarist Yannis Philippakis has a tougher edge to his sometimes maudlin vocals. Both are apparent on the exciting title track and equally rocking Snake Oil. They also do epic pretty well, on Albatross and the powerful finale A Knife In The Ocean.

American singer/songwriter Nathaniel Rateliff is a good fit with the legendary Stax label, having reinvented himself as frontman of stomping R&B band Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats. Their self-titled debut is packed with original songs that will appeal to fans of classic blues and soul. His voice is similar to Paolo Nutini and his style unashamedly old school.

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### Shrek The Musical

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Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE.  
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### The Shawshank Redemption

Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £12.90 - £37.90  
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### Birmingham Royal Ballet: First Steps: A Child's Swan Lake (Ages 3-7)

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Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 2pm, £18 - £106.50  
Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

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Tue at 7.30pm, £23.50 - £27.90  
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# Dancers celebrate silver anniversary

ONE of the greatest ballets of all time will feature as part of the Birmingham Royal Ballet's 25th anniversary season at the city's Hippodrome theatre.

BRB will perform Swan Lake until Tuesday, October 6, before returning to the venue from October 8 to 10 with Variations Triple Bill, which will feature Theme and Variations, Kin and Enigma Variations.

BRB is one of the world's leading classical companies and the UK's premiere touring ballet company. It has staged 139 different ballets over the course of around 225 weeks of performances during its 25 years in Birmingham.

The company is celebrating its silver anniversary and celebrations will begin with the return of one of the company's most beloved productions, Swan Lake, featuring an ensemble of 50 dancers and an orchestra of 60, towering Gothic sets and beautiful classical costumes.

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A scene from Kin, part of the Variations Triple Bill by Birmingham Royal Ballet

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BRB will also be exhibiting many of the costumes that have featured in

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## Light approach from Gabrielle

HER Birmingham gig has already sold out. But perhaps that should come as no surprise.

After all, Gabrielle Aplin enjoyed huge success with her debut album, English Rain, which prompted an incredible 63.5 million plays on Spotify, 80 million YouTube views, 1.5 million single sales and No 1 chart positions in both the UK and Australia.

And, of course, she enjoyed a huge number one single three years back with a festive rendition of Frankie Goes To Hollywood's The Power Of Love.

She's back on the road soon, headlining Birmingham's Institute on Sunday to preview her new album, Light Up The Dark.

The record was written and recorded in a producer-friend's house, Luke Potashnick, in a corner of Stoke Newington, London. Both intimate and expansive, its songs bristle with energy, crackle with atmosphere and swagger with a Feist-meets-Cat Power brainy cool.

"I've just seen stuff, and I wanted to write about more stuff," is the simple explanation by the 22-year-old from Wiltshire of the progression evident on new songs like the euphoric title track and the punchy, soulful first single 'Skellington'.

"Light Up The Dark was really speedy. It felt as though I blinked and it was done. We would write the songs, have lunch, then start the demos. But the demos became the recordings. We liked what we'd done so much.

"And now, generally, it doesn't sound like I'm trying too hard when I sing."

### Singer-songwriters are coming to Brum

LEADING singer-songwriters Jack Savoretti and James Bay both have gigs coming up in Birmingham.

Savoretti, who released fourth album Written in Scars this year, has sold out The Institute in Digbeth on Saturday.

Bay topped the charts with his debut album Chaos and the Calm and is also likely to face a full house when he is in concert at the O2 Academy on Thursday, October 8.

Otherwise, it's rock all the way with Mallory Knox at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow (Fri), and Fall Out Boy at the Barclaycard Arena on Tuesday, also the night Teenage Dirtbag outfit Wheatus are at the O2 Academy.

### Dog gone tales and confused heroes

ACCLAIMED Cornwall-based theatre company Kneehigh have brought their hard-hitting new musical inspired by John Gay's 18th century satire The Beggar's Opera to Birmingham Rep. Entitled Dead Dog In A Suitcase (And Other Love Songs), it's final performance is in the main house on Saturday.

How To Be A Hero by Bernadette Russell and Gareth Brierley tells of potential caped crusaders confused over how to tell good folk from the bad. It is also on until Saturday, in Birmingham Rep's smaller venue The Door.

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### Back to the 1980s weekend nostalgia

FOUR major acts from the 1980s are in concert across the West Midlands this weekend.

Chroniclers of everyday life, Squeeze, are back with an album named after their theme to TV sitcom Cradle To The Grave and in concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday. In Wolverhampton that night Icicle Works with Ian McNabb play The Slade Rooms.

Live Aid co-founder and former Ultravox frontman Midge Ure is at the Wulfrun Hall on Sunday, the same night ex-Gos singer Belinda Carlisle, a chart-topper with solo hit Heaven Is A Place On Earth, plays Birmingham Town Hall.

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Additions include over £150,000 of new wedding facilities with a dual ornamental lake offering exclusive use for 2016 wedding guests.

There have been a number of other initiatives, including becoming the first AGA range cooker carvery in the UK.

Managing director of Nostalgia Inns Adam Giles said: "It's been a real roller-coaster ride of 10 years, when we purchased the pub in 2005 it was much loved by locals, but seriously in need of investment."

"We have undertaken a complete top-to-toe refurbishment, replacing much of the structure of the building as well as on-going cosmetic improvements."

"Being such a busy pub means it under-goes lots of wear and tear – so the ongoing project is crucial to maintain the high standards for our guests. We have certainly had our challenges with floods, fire and snow affecting trade, but every time we have pushed on and opened bigger and better."

"Customers are very loyal and travel from all over the country to experience our award-winning hospitality, giving us constant positive feedback, backed up by our national awards for customer service, innovation and of course our real ale awards."

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## Offers

Diners are invited to join in the 10th anniversary celebrations with a series of unrepeatable offers.

New for this season is Shropshire's best steak night on Mondays from 6pm where a

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Two courses are available at the carvery from £9.95 which is now available Tuesday-Sunday with an unbeatable two-course menu selection available Tuesday-Thursday.

Tribute nights are back on the menu and great for parties offering unrivalled tribute acts accompanied by the two-course carvery and entertainment for £14.95 per person.

The offer also includes a private bar and dance floor.

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CHOICE



Tony Robinson

Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms (Channel 4, 8pm)

Over the years they have made us laugh, occasionally cry and have turned jobbing actors into household names. They are of course situation comedies, and Blighy has produced some of the best of the world has ever seen. Tamsin Greig has starred in a few of her own, including Episodes, Black Books and the wonderfully surreal Green Wing, so who better to narrate this two-part countdown of the nation's favourite based on a recent poll? Whether you're a fan of old school classics like Dad's Army, or the ratings-busting Mrs Brown's Boys, there's a little something for everyone here. It also features interviews with a host of famous faces, including Brendan O'Carroll, Richard Wilson, Tony Robinson and Wendy Craig.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities. **6.20** Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the first of this weekend's two shows – and this is when things get serious. There are no more second chances for the twinkie-toed stars as they and their partners step out onto the dance floor again. Tomorrow the first pro-celebrity couple will be leaving the competition, as their scores from judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are added to those of the voting viewers. But which pair will have performed their last dance? The ladies taking the floor are Anita Rani, Carol Kirkwood, Georgia May Foote, Helen George, Jamella, Katie Derham, Kellie Bright and Kirsty Gallacher. Up for the men are Ainsley Harriott, Anthony Ogogo, Daniel O'Donnell, Iwan Thomas, Jay McGuiness, Jeremy Vine and Peter Andre. The results can be seen tomorrow. **8.25** Doctor Who. When an underwear base comes under attack, the Doctor and Clara must save the frightened crew and defeat an impossible threat that appears to be turning the dead into ghosts. **9.10** Casualty. Iain and Dixie are pushed to the limit during a training exercise, while Dylan and Lofy treat an accident-prone patient. **10.00** The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning numbers are revealed by Gabby Roslin. **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Newcastle United; National Lottery Update. **11.55** Film: Anarchman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. (2004) Comedy set in the 1970s, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. **1.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** Film: Gunga Din. (1939) **7.55** Film: Dean Spanley. (2008) **9.30** The Women's Football Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Park. (R) **10.30** More Creatures Great and Small. (R) **11.00** Animal SOS. (R) **11.30** Animal SOS. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00** Film: Silk Stockings. (1957) **3.55** Flog It! (R) **4.55** World's Busiest Railway 2015. (R) **5.55** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure. (R) **6.55** Gardeners' World. Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains how flowers influence her work. (R) **7.30** Natural World: Honey Badgers – Masters of Mayhem. A scientist, a beekeeper and a conservationist from South Africa set out to discover if the honey badger's reputation as one of the most fearless animals in the world is justified. (R) **8.25** Dad's Army. (R) **9.00** Cradle to Grave. Danny finally enters Miss Blondel's darkroom. (R) **9.30** Boy Meets Girl. Leo is given a trial at a car showroom. (R) **10.00** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. 11 17776 150s back at Wednesday's semi-final, remembering the highlights and presenting unseen footage from the tent as the four remaining bakers completed for the three places in next week's final. This week the theme was chocolate, and here Jo and her fellow panelists meet the unlucky contestant whose efforts weren't quite good enough to impress Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. They also review the bakers' efforts. What will they think of their signature chocolate tarts? Who rose to the chocolate soufflé technical? And whose showstopping 3D chocolate centerpiece was the centre of attention? They also taste bakes brought in by the studio audience and look at photos of cakes sent in by viewers. It makes you hungry just watching it. (R) **10.30** In Case You Missed It. Dara O Brain hosts a unique TV review show. (R) **11.00** Film: Hunky Dory. (2011) Comedy drama, starring Minnie Driver. **12.40** Film: Skeletons. (2010) **2.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Bottom Knockout Street. **6.10** Bottom Knockout Street. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.50** Soapy. (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.25** Adventure Time. **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Unforgettable Frankie Howard. (R) **10.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **10.45** The X Factor. (R) **12.45** ITV News: Weather. **12.55** Downtown Abbey. (R) **2.00** Rugby World Cup. Samoa v Japan (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.20** Rugby World Cup. South Africa v Scotland (Kick-off 4.45pm). **6.50** Regional Programme; Weather. **7.00** ITV News: Weather. **7.15** Rugby World Cup. England v Australia (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Pool A contest from Twickenham, as the teams play their third match of the tournament. These nations have faced each other at five of the seven previous World Cups, and it is England who have the better record of those meetings, winning three of them. The most notable of those from an England perspective was the 20-17 victory in the 2003 final in Sydney, which went some way to averting the 12-6 loss they suffered in the 1991 final at Twickenham, and provided the national team with its greatest ever moment. Presented by John Inverdale, with analysis from Clive Woodward, Jonny Wilkinson, Michael Lynagh, Jason Robinson and Danny Cipriani, and commentary by Nick Mullins, Lawrence Dallaglio and Ben Kay. **10.15** Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon snoops around the homes of three mystery celebrities, inviting Mark Wright, Janet Street-Porter and Vernon Kay to guess their identities. **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** Rugby World Cup Highlights. Samoa v Japan. South Africa v Scotland and England v Australia. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the matches staged at Stadium mk, St James' Park and Twickenham respectively. **12.35** Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas. **3.00** Show Me the Telly. (R) **3.50** ITV NightScreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** World Mountain Running Championships. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. **4.10** Channel 4 News. **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.05** Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are in south-west London, helping long-distance partners Jason and Jaye, and Hannah and Frank, who are searching for a family home. (R) **7.00** Celebrity Benchmark. Chris Ramsey and Joe Swash battle it out for the contestant's chair as Paddy McGuinness hosts another star-studded round of the game show. This week, the Benchmarkers are Phil Tufnell, Susie Dent, Jason Byrne, Bobby George, Michelle Heaton, Louis Smith, Edwina Currie, Mark Watson and James Haskell, and the star who wins the opening duel must assess how well the celebrity panel answered to a series of tricky numerical questions if they thought to win 250,000 for their chosen charity. **8.00** Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms. Part one of two. Tamsin Greig narrates this tribute to the shows that have made millions laugh over the past 50 years, including Dad's Army and Mrs Brown's Boys. **9.00** Film: Bridezilla. (2011) A disorganised woman is asked to be maid of honour at her best friend's wedding. Taking charge of the prenuptial bride celebrations, she resolves to give her pal and accompanying bridesmaids the time of their lives, but as her efforts slide into chaos she finds the wife of the groom's boss is keen to usurp her position. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig. **11.30** Film: Hope Springs. (2012) Romantic comedy, with Meryl Streep. **1.25** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.20** Hollywood. (R) **4.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Access. **10.50** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.50** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.50** Film: Crazy for Christmas. (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Riseborough. **2.45** Film: A Christmas Kiss. (2011) Romantic drama, with Laura Breckenridge and Brendan Fehr. **4.30** Film: Help for Christmas. (2012) **6.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy chase a £16,000 debt run up by a coach company and Stewart McCracken and Elmor Victor face a heart-breaking house repossession. (R) **7.05** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. This week's collection of viral videos features a woman who decides to conduct a yoga session too close to the sea and a junior weightlifter who smashes a fish tank. **7.35** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. This week's collection of viral videos focuses on the theme of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, and features a pub worker who does not realise a cellar door is open. **8.00** Now That's Funny! The series showcasing the most hilarious internet videos continues with a woman attempting to break a world record with marshmallows. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, including Leeds United v Birmingham City. **10.30** Michael Buble's Christmas Special. The Grammy-winning Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs, featuring duets with Mary J Blige, Mariah Carey and the Cookie Monster. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R) **11.25** My Crazy Christmas Obsession. First of a two-part documentary about people obsessed with the festive period, beginning by following four American households who take decorations to the extreme. Part of Channel 5's Christmas Comes Early season. (R) **12.25** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.20** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Body Donors. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Film: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009) **9.40** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) **11.45** Family Guy **1.55** Assassin's Creed **2.25** Orphan Black **3.55** Close to the Sun **4.30** Close to the Sun **5.00** Close to the Sun **5.30** Close to the Sun **6.00** Close to the Sun **6.30** Close to the Sun **7.00** Close to the Sun **7.30** Close to the Sun **8.00** Close to the Sun **8.30** Close to the Sun **9.00** Close to the Sun **9.30** Close to the Sun **10.00** Close to the Sun **10.30** Close to the Sun **11.00** Close to the Sun **11.30** Close to the Sun **12.00** Close to the Sun **12.30** Close to the Sun **13.00** Close to the Sun **13.30** Close to the Sun **14.00** Close to the Sun **14.30** Close to the Sun **15.00** Close to the Sun **15.30** Close to the Sun **16.00** Close to the Sun **16.30** Close to the Sun **17.00** Close to the Sun **17.30** Close to the Sun **18.00** Close to the Sun 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CHOICE



Anne-Marie Duff

**From Darkness (BBC1, 9pm)**  
The Beeb's short but sweet series of adaptations of 20th century literature classics is now over, but don't worry drama fans because replacing it is this dark offering. Anne-Marie Duff heads the cast as Claire Church, a former officer with Manchester police who quit the force after becoming disillusioned with the job. She now lives in the remote Western Isles with her partner and daughter, but her past is about to catch up with her. Claire's former mentor, DCI John Hind, thinks that bodies found on a building site could be linked to a case involving missing women, which only Claire seemed to care about back in 1998. But can he persuade her to help him discover the truth? And are his motives entirely professional?

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day.** (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **3.00** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Great British Bake Off Class of 2014. **5.50** BBC News.  
**6.10 Regional Programme.**  
**6.15 Countryfile.** The latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host the results show, as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores. Rod Stewart provides the music.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Durham Cathedral, where she examines a collection of rare books, including an early version of the Magna Carta, and John Axford examines a rare 19th-century plate. Objects brought in to be valued include a carriage clock found on a bomb site, an early drawing by Laura Knight, a 19th-century missionary's medical kit and a collection of football memorabilia.  
**9.00 From Darkness.** New series. Former Greater Manchester Police officer Claire Church's peaceful existence in the Western Isles is shattered when four bodies linked to her previous investigations are unearthed. The subsequent inquiry forces her to revisit her troubled past in law enforcement, and drags her back into a world she thought she had left behind for good. Psychological crime drama, written by Katie Baxendale, and starring Anne-Marie Duff.  
**10.00 BBC News.**  
**10.20 Regional Programme.**  
**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Everton v Liverpool, Arsenal v Manchester United and Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur.  
**11.45 The Women's Football Show.**  
**12.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.00** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.30** Great British Menu. (R) **11.00** Live Athletics. **2.00** NFL Live.  
**6.00 Super League Play-Offs.** Tanya Arnold introduces action from the Million Pound Game, which decided who claimed the final place in next season's Super League.  
**7.00 Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise.** The programme follows the path of the relentless wind sweeping east through Patagonia's dry desert, revealing the animals and people carving out a home in the arid environment. (R)  
**8.00 Licence to Thrill – Paul Hollywood Meets Aston Martin.** The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood indulges his passion for Aston Martin cars, test-driving various models, and making an attempt to join one of Aston's racing teams.  
**9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week.** Andrew Flintoff puts the contenders through the final challenge, as they undertake a gruelling 48 hours of mental and physical challenges with the British SAS. Last in the series.  
**10.00 Family Guy.** Joe decides to embrace life by quitting his job with the police and taking the guys on a road trip to the Niagara Falls, where he makes an unexpected decision.  
**10.20 Family Guy.** Bobby Briggs, the criminal who crippled Joe years before, breaks out of jail – but he does not bargain on the community's hostile reception, led by Peter, Joe and Quagmire.  
**10.45 Family Guy.** Lois has an image change.  
**11.05 Top Coppers.** New series. Police crime drama spoof, following the exploits of Justice City detectives John Mahogany and Mitch Rust. Starring Sten Raskopoulos and John Kearns.  
**11.35 Film: Lucky Them.** (2013) Premiere. A journalist is assigned to track down a rock star she once had a relationship with, who has since disappeared. Comedy drama, with Toni Collette.  
**1.05 Film: Love.** (2011) 2.5 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.20** Holby City. (R) **4.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Bottom Knockout Street. **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.50** Sooty: (R) **7.05** Fish Hooks. **7.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **9.00** Horrible Science. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.45** ITV News: Weather. **2.00** Rugby World Cup. Argentina v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.20** Rugby World Cup. Ireland v Italy (Kick-off 4.45pm).  
**6.45 Regional Programme;** Weather. **6.55** **ITV News;** Weather.  
**7.00 The X Factor.** The first stage of this year's three-part Six Chair Challenge arrives, in which judges Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini are given the opportunity to pick six acts to champion through to the later stages of the contest. The format has the potential to generate a great deal of drama in the studio, as the judges have the right to switch acts in and out of their line-up whenever they choose. Girl group 4th Power, 17-year-old singer Louisa Johnson and youth worker Monica Michael are among the would-be stars who have already secured a place in this round of the contest, but it remains to be seen whether any of them will be able to win over the panel and progress further.  
**9.00 Downton Abbey.** Mr Carson and Mrs Hughes' wedding arrives, bringing with it a few unexpected guests. Meanwhile, as tensions mount over the hospital takeover, Isobel offends a friend.  
**10.00 ITV News;** Weather.  
**10.15 Rugby World Cup Highlights.** Argentina v Tonga and Ireland v Italy. Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the latest matches.  
**11.15 Perspectives: The Great American Love Song with Nicky Campbell.** The broadcaster reveals his passion for the music of 1920s and 1930s New York, choosing six timeless love songs from the era and finding out about the artists who wrote them. (R)  
**12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Newscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.20** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Caterham Motorsport. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Channel 4 Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Including the feature race at 2.55. **4.00** The Simpsons. (R) **4.30 Film:** School of Rock. (2003) Comedy, starring Jack Black.  
**6.40 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00 Homes by the Sea.** New series. Charlie Luxton visits seaside properties across Britain, beginning in Cornwall, where he visits a listed engine house at Porthtowan and a tithe barn in Bude. Previously seen on More4.  
**8.00 Cleopatra's Lost Tomb.** An insight into the work of archaeologist Dr Kathleen Martinez, whose unorthodox theories led to the discovery of a tomb that may be the final resting place of Egypt's last queen.  
**9.00 This Is England '90.** Shane Meadows' gritty chronicle of working-class life in the Midlands concludes with this, the last entry in the 1990-set tale, and the final part of the decade-spanning story of Woody, Lol, Shaun and friends. As winter arrives, there is a promise of new beginnings for Combo, Woody and Lol, but nothing is ever as simple as it seems. Shaun has grown into the man he was always meant to be, and Milky must deal with demons from his past. Meanwhile, Kelly strays drastically from the path, and only she can decide whether she will ever get her life back on track. Starring Joe Gilgun, Vicky McClure, Thomas Turgoose and Chanel Cresswell. Last in the series.  
**10.40 Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)  
**11.45 Embarrassing Bodies: The 36-Stone Woman.** The doctors catch up with Patience, who at 36-stone was morbidly obese when she first sought help with her weight, and has spent two years trying to gain control of her body.  
**12.45 Film:** The Stone Roses: Made of Stone. (2013) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.10** Fifteen to One. (R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Wandia and the Alien. (R) **8.05** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.20** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.35** Jelly Jam. (R) **8.55** LazyTown. (R) **9.00** Dora and Friends. (R) **9.50** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **10.25** Football League Tonight. (R) **11.55** Access. (R) **12.05** The Dog Rescuers at Xmas with Alan Davies. (R) **1.05** My Crazy Christmas Obsession. (R) **2.10 Film:** My Santa. (2013) Drama, starring Samaira Armstrong. **3.50 Film:** The Horse Whisperer. (1998) Drama, starring Robert Redford.  
**7.05 5 News Weekend.**  
**7.10 Film: Hancock.** (2008) A reluctant, alcoholic superhero ends up the most hated man in Los Angeles thanks to his habit of causing mayhem and destruction while trying to do good. However, when he saves the life of a PR guru, the grateful executive sets about transforming the public perception of the crime-fighter, despite his wife's strong misgivings. Comedy, starring Will Smith, Jason Bateman and Charlize Theron. Edited for pre-watershed broadcast.  
**9.00 Film: That's My Boy.** (2012) Premiere. A teenager fathers a child and raises him alone, but when the boy grows up, he no longer wants anything to do with his drunken, irresponsible parent. As he prepares to get married, the son finds his father gatecrashing the wedding, desperate to rebuild their relationship but just as obnoxious as ever. Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Andy Samberg.  
**11.20 Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry.** (2007) A fireman asks a male colleague to pretend to marry him to get round a problem with his late wife's life insurance policy. Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Jessica Biel.  
**1.30** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Nevada Triangle: The Missing Evidence. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Tropic Thunder (2008) **10.40** Russell Howard's Good News **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.10** Family Guy **12.30** Asian Provocateur **1.00** KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy **2.00** Fied **2.30** Don't Tell the Bride  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum **8.00** Woolly Mammoth: Secrets from the Ice **9.00** Rome's Lost Empire **10.30** TOTP2 **11.00** Jazz Piano Gold **12.00** Georgie Fame: The Birth of Cool **1.00** Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections **2.00** TOTP2  
**ITV2**  
**11.40** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **12.40** You've Been Framed! **1.10** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **3.05** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.55** Film: She's the Man (2006) **7.00** Film: Stormbreaker (2006) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003) **12.00** Film: Billy Madison (1995) **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** Rizzle Kicks: The Hot Desk **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.10** Murder, She Wrote **12.15** Inspector Morse **2.30** Film: Ben-Hur (1959) **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35** Film: Private Benjamin (1980) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote **2.40** Doctor in the House  
**ITV4**  
**11.55** Rugby World Cup Highlights **1.00** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **3.45** Film: Battle of the Bulge (1965) **7.00** Goodwood Cars of the Future – Road **8.00** Goodwood Classic Cars **9.00** Film: Apocalypse Now (1979) **12.05** Film: The Quest (1996) **2.00** Hell on Wheels **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**12.35** Film: Planet 51 (2009) **2.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **4.30** Bad(ish) Robots **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) **11.10** The Inbetweeners **12.10** The IT Crowd **1.15** Rude Tube **2.20** Young, Free & Single  
**Film4**  
**11.00** The Last Woman (1956) **1.10** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **3.10** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **4.45** New in Town (2009) **6.40** The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012) **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.50** Machete (2010) **12.55** The Wind That Shakes the Barley (2006)



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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**The Four Feathers, Channel 5, 10pm**  
An officer resigns from the military, earning the disdain of his friends – so he sets out to win back their respect. Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger and Wes Bentley. (2002)

**TUESDAY**  
**Guilty at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A teenager believes her friend when she lies about being sexually harassed by a teacher, and falsely claims to have witnessed an incident. When the accused teacher commits suicide, she is consumed with guilt and begins to suspect she has been deceived. Crime drama, starring Erin Sanders. (2014)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A woman receives a promotion at work that entails moving to a different city, so decides to end her relationship with her controlling boyfriend and make a fresh start. However, he does not take kindly to the rejection and begins stalking her, hoping to terrorise her into coming back to him. Thriller, starring Charisma Carpenter and Dylan Neal. (2011)



The Punisher, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

**THURSDAY**  
**The Punisher, Channel 5, 10pm**  
FBI agent Frank Castle enrages a powerful gangland kingpin when a gunfight accidentally causes the death of the mobster's son. The crime boss retaliates by wiping out Castle's entire family, but the lawman reinvents himself as a vigilante, acting as judge, jury and executioner to the underworld. Thriller based on the Marvel comic-book anti-hero, starring Thomas Jane, John Travolta, Will Patton, Rebecca Romijn and Roy Scheider. (2004)

**FRIDAY**  
**Lay the Favorite, BBC1, 11.55pm**  
A former stripper goes to Las Vegas to seek her fortune, but ends up working as a cocktail waitress. However, a professional gambler hires her to help with his scams and she soon proves to have a knack for it – but arouses the jealousy of her mentor's wife. Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall. (2012)



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Taking a fascinating look behind the scenes

When Wayne Rooney blasted home a penalty past Swiss keeper Yann Sommer in England's 2-0 European Qualifying win at Wembley last month, it marked a milestone in the career of the 29-year-old England captain.

It was Rooney's 50th goal for his country and saw him overtake Sir Bobby Charlton's record to become the national team's all-time top scorer.

Now, to mark the achievement the Manchester United striker has given cameras unique access to his life and family, including wife Coleen, their sons Kai and Klay, and all four of the boys' grandparents.

"I have been approached many times about allowing the cameras into our lives and always said no," Rooney says.

"But now seems the right time. This film is not just about my goals, it's about the people I care about the most, my team mates, the people closest to me but most importantly, my family."

The film, presented by Gary Lineker, takes Rooney back to the housing estates in Merseyside where he grew up as an Everton fan.

Born in Croxeth, Liverpool, Rooney began playing for Liverpool Schoolboys and Coppelhouse boys' club in the local Walton and Kirkdale junior league, before being spotted by Everton scout Bob Pendleton.

Rooney joined Everton aged nine, and was mascot for Toffees in the Merseyside derby as an 11-year-old.

Then on 19 October 2002, five days before his 17th birthday, Rooney scored the winner against Arsenal to end the Gunners' 30-match unbeaten run, and make his the youngest goalscorer in Premier League history.

Rooney also became the youngest player to play for England when he earned his first cap in a friendly against Australia in 2003 aged 17 years and 111 days, and since then Rooney has continued to shine for club and country.

But despite spending his footballing career in the spotlight, Rooney has mostly attempted to keep his private life – with a few highly publicised exceptions.

However, Lineker, who is now third behind Rooney in the list of England scorers with 48, says: "I think that our film will allow the public to discover the real Wayne Rooney."

"It's been great spending time with him and the whole Rooney family. Remember also that Wayne is still only 29, he could push this record considerably higher yet."

Following his journey from humble beginnings to bona fide world-class footballer and record-breaker, this exclusive film promises to show Wayne's world off the pitch.

And according to Tony Pastor, Goalhanger Films creative director, it will be an eye-opener for most football fans. He says: "This film will change many people's view of Wayne Rooney."

"He's an intelligent and thoughtful man with a lot to say about football, family and what it means to represent his country."

With access to Old Trafford and at the England camp, the public will hear first-hand about 'Wazza's' rise to the top – and how those closest to him influenced his career.



Rooney: The Man Behind the Goals, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**The Celts: Blood, Iron, and Sacrifice with Alice Roberts and Neil Oliver BBC2, 9pm**  
New series. Anthropologist Alice Roberts and archaeologist Neil Oliver explore the origins and beliefs of the ancient group of peoples, looking at their highly sophisticated tribal culture and influence on vast areas of the ancient world. They begin by examining the origins of the Celts in the Alps of Central Europe and the moment they first came into contact with the Romans, revealing the pivotal battles that took place between the two rivals came to define the future direction of European civilisation and the shape of the modern-day world.

**TUESDAY**  
**Lewis ITV, 9pm**  
It's 10 years since Kevin Whately returned to the Morse universe to play Robbie Lewis. In that time, this spin-off series has become hugely popular - almost as big as the drama that spawned it - and is a global success. It looks set to continue for some time too, because the standard of the scripts is as high as ever. The latest run begins with a two-part case for Lewis and his sidekick Hathaway. The duo have a new boss to contend with - Chief Superintendent Moody – who isn't sure that Lewis should have come out of retirement, putting pressure on the veteran detective to solve the crime as quickly as possible. It involves the remains of a body found down a well, and takes Oxford's finest into the complex worlds of social media, drugs, taxidermy, art, the homeless and the city's colleges.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**The Great British Bake Off: The Final BBC1, 8pm**  
After weeks of risking soggy bottoms, limp crispbreads and undercooked sponge, only three bakers remain. Yes, it's time for the 2015 grand final, and you can bet that the trio who will battle it out for the engraved cake stand (can't the show's makers think of something more spectacular for the winner?) are more nervous than ever before. Just three more challenges stand before them and the much-coveted title, and it's too close a competition to call. The signature challenge involves turning enriched dough into filled ice buns. That's followed



The Celts: Blood, Iron, and Sacrifice with Alice Roberts and Neil Oliver, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

by the notoriously difficult technical, and then the final chance to impress – the showstopper, which this year will see them bake classic British cakes.

**Thursday**  
**Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm**  
Mark Gatiss is the youngest of three children born in Sedgefield, County Durham, in 1966 and grew up opposite the imposing Edwardian psychiatric hospital where his father worked. He's always believed the place at least partly inspired his love of all things gothic and mysterious – is he right, or do his genes play a part? Gatiss hopes to find out during this episode, during which he researches his maternal line during a trip to Northern Ireland. He discovers his ancestors were story-tellers, which Gatiss, as a writer as well as an actor, certainly is too. But it's the news that they were also regarded as the real-life version of Dracula's Dr Van Helsing that really shocks him. Sometimes, fact really is stranger than fiction.

**Friday**  
**Great British Menu BBC2, 7pm**  
The final sees the remaining chefs at London's historic Drapers' Hall, tasked to serve up a menu of dishes to mark the centenary of the Women's Institute, serving the ladies, their current chair Janice Langely, Angela Baker who helped inspire the Calendar Girls initiative, and many other guests. The menu was chosen by judges Oliver Peyton, Prue Leith and Matthew Fort from the dishes that had been shortlisted, and to make this all-frills banquet the competitors had to secure a place on that list at least once. Last in the series.

**Euro 2016 Qualifier Live ITV, 7.15pm**  
England have already secured their place in next year's finals in France, and play their penultimate match of their Group E campaign against Estonia at Wembley Stadium. Although some may regard this as a dead rubber, Roy Hodgson's hosts will be eager to maintain their 100-per-cent record in the group, and the Estonians still have slim hopes of qualifying for the play-offs. The reverse fixture 12 months ago saw England claim a narrow victory thanks to their now all-time top scorer Wayne Rooney breaking the deadlock 16 minutes from time.

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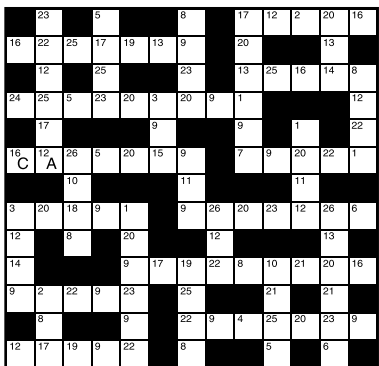
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# BRAIN GYM No.345

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

G	H	T	Z	S	M	C	V	N	R	K	I	D
A	X	O	J	B	Y	Q	F	P	L	E	U	W

1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
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9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

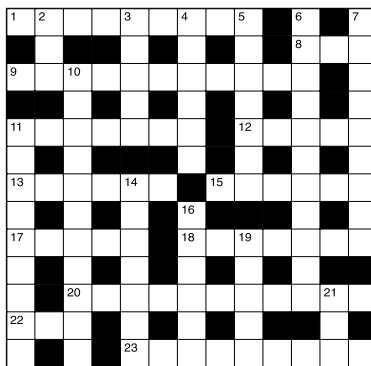
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Makes a joint plan to study architectural features of churches (9)
- Organised part of 6 Down (3)
- Just the spot to show a decline in the tide level (4,2,5)
- Patricia Bird is a model (7)
- Use some of the water in sea - to do this? (5)
- About class improvement in organisation (6)
- Peaceful love-song without any advertisement (6)
- Clubs used on naval defaulters (5)
- As an alternative to being badly stained (7)
- He attends to cases after dark (5-6)
- Nothing to the theologian is strange? (3)
- A gem of a game! (9)

#### Down

- Blade used for beheading a pig (3)
- See 21 Down
- Rig now adopted for going on the river (6)
- No longer confine the clique without charge (3,4)
- Disposition modified by great manner (11)
- Where you'll find the star before everybody else (2,3,4)
- Describing the exhausted jumper beyond the pale! (3,2,6)
- Convert pride into ruin (9)
- Stays in the office no longer (7)
- Weapon is used in intricate plot (6)
- Porter carrying too much weight! (5)
- 21 & 3Dn. A heady device for picking up a signal! (3-5)



### Quick Clues:

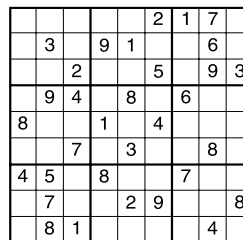
#### Across

- Wooring (9)
- Self (3)
- Successor (11)
- Respire (7)
- Mistake (5)
- At one (6)
- Fame (6)
- Pulls (5)
- Lift up (7)
- Sincerity (11)
- Iniquity (3)
- Resolve (9)

#### Down

- Poem (3)
- Pamphlet (5)
- Obeeyed (6)
- Go before (7)
- Worsen (11)
- Consistency (9)
- Plight (11)
- Vast (9)
- Made certain (7)
- Turn back (6)
- Come in (5)
- Boy (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

9	3	7	1	2	4	5	6	8
5	8	2	7	3	6	9	1	4
6	1	4	8	3	5	7	2	3
3	5	6	9	8	1	2	4	7
8	2	9	5	4	7	1	3	6
7	4	1	2	6	3	8	9	5
1	7	3	4	5	2	6	8	9
2	6	8	3	7	9	4	5	1
4	9	5	6	1	8	3	7	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Set-off; 4 Assail; 9 All for nothing; 10 Imparts; 11 Least; 12 Tonic; 14 Cross; 18 Reels; 19 Carmine; 21 Fair condition; 22 Enlist; 23 Teaser. Down: 1 Static; 2 Telephone bill; 3 Floor; 5 Settler; 6 Animal spirits; 7 Lights; 8 In use; 13 Insects; 15 Trifle; 16 Scare; 17 Leaner; 20 Raise. QUICK - Across: 1 Appear; 4 Proper; 9 Correspondent; 10 Shelter; 11 Occur; 12 Edict; 14 Group; 18 Incur; 19 Inflate; 21 Collaborating; 22 Daring; 23 Chance. Down: 1 Access; 2 Perpendicular; 3 Agent; 5 Rancour; 6 Preoccupation; 7 Retire; 8 Spare; 13 Certain; 15 Wined; 16 Minor; 17 League; 20 Flash.

## Thinking space

## Quiz

- Who was the second president of the US?
- On which river does Baghdad stand?
- Which Soviet president died in 1985?
- Which composer wrote The Sorcerer's Apprentice?
- What was a farthingale?
- What were W.S. Gilbert's forenames?
- In which year did Marilyn Monroe marry Arthur Miller?
- What is the busiest airport in France?
- What is the oldest university in Scotland?
- What is a lazy Susan?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 1900; 2 Macbeth; 3 Cherry; 4 1890;

5 A single dot on a computer screen;

6 Ajaccio; 7 Coulomb; 8 Marcel Duchamp;

9 Morocco; 10 BRN.

Niner: FACETIOUS

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

269 gives a girl's name,  
8537 gives another girl's name,  
471824 gives a boy's name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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## GORNAL



**SANDSTONE CLOSE**  
• Apartment  
• Ground Floor  
• Lounge  
• Fitted Kitchen/Diner  
• One Bedroom  
• Bathroom  
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## GORNAL



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• Cottage Style  
• Lounge  
• Kitchen/Diner  
• Sitting Room  
• Two Bedrooms  
• Bathroom  
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• Sizeable Corner Plot  
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## GORNAL



**ASH GROVE**  
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• Reception Hall  
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• Fitted Breakfast Kitchen  
• Conservatory  
• Two Bedrooms  
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• Garage  
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## GORNAL



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Popular location, Mid Terraced, canopy Porch, Two Reception large Rear Hall, Cellar, Kitchen  
Two Double Bedrooms, large Bathroom, Gas CH., some Double Glazing  
Outside: Two Stores, long garden  
Guide: £60,000 / £65,000

#### VIEWING:

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### 41 STRATTON STREET

#### WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 9AJ

Exceptionally well presented End Terraced Home  
Two Reception, well appointed Kitchen, Rear Hall, large Bathroom, Three Bedrooms  
Private Garden, Double Glazing, Gas CH  
Guide: £59,000 / £64,000

#### VIEWING:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER @ 12.45 p.m.

### 'CHAPEL COTTAGE'

#### OLD STOWHEATH LANE, WV1 2QN

Character Detached House with large grounds, outbuildings & Garage  
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Two Bedrooms, Bathroom - ample scope to extend STPP  
Guide: £115,000 / £120,000

#### VIEWING:

FRIDAY & MONDAY, 2nd & 5th OCTOBER @ 11.30 a.m.

### 86 CASTLECROFT ROAD

#### CASTLECROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 8DA

Good residential area, well appointed Bungalow, Gas CH Porch, Hall, 22ft Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom  
Store, ample Parking & Garage, lovely 100ft Rear Garden  
Guide: £113,000 / £118,000

#### VIEWING:

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### 3 CASTLECROFT ROAD

#### BILSTON, WV14 6PQ

Investment - current income £5,700 p.a.x.  
Conveniently situated Semi-Detached, Double Glazing, Gas CH, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Hall, fitted Cloakroom  
Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, enclosed Rear Garden  
Guide: £70,000 / £75,000

#### VIEWING:

FRIDAY & MONDAY, 2nd & 5th OCTOBER @ 10.00 a.m.

### 14 GLOUCESTER STREET

#### WOLVERHAMPTON, WV6 0PT

Well located Mid Terraced, Two Reception, Ground Floor Bathroom,  
Two double Bedrooms, Gas CH system, Double Glazing  
Guide: £48,000 / £53,000

#### VIEWING:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2nd & 3rd OCTOBER @ 12.00 noon

### 3 PRIESTFIELD STREET

#### BILSTON, WV14 0NE

Investment - Current income £6,300 p.a.x.  
Large Mid Terraced in ideal location  
Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Hall, WC & Store  
Three double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, attractive Rear Garden  
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**New price**

**£337,500**



#### WALL HEATH, Brook Street

BACKING ONTO ATTRACTIVE FIELDS / COUNTRYSIDE within this highly desirable address, close to excellent schooling, this VERY DISTINCTIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a beautifully appointed FOUR BEDROOM layout, plus a broad driveway, GARAGE / STORE and an attractive low maintenance garden. EPC D

**£269,950**



#### LOWER GORNAL, Winrush Close

SPACIOUS, stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed four (potentially five) bedroom detached convenient for the village with lengthy garden & distant views. Accommodation set over three floors provides; hall, cloaks, family room/alternative bedroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, conservatory. Four bedrooms (principal with en suite), bathroom, garden. EPC :C SEDGLEY

**Offers in the region of £229,000**



#### SEDGLEY, Sunningdale Road, Northway

ENVIABLE LOCATION! Backing onto fields and with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS a conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached with tremendous potential in favoured 'backwater' location. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, through living/dining room, kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, generous garage, gardens. EPC: E. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the Region of £209,950**



#### KINGSWINFORD, Coniston Drive

An IMPRESSIVE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE, well located within Valley Fields, offering a SPACIOUS layout with Two Reception Rooms, CONSERVATORY, re-fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and re-fitted bathroom. LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC D

**£179,950**



#### GORNAL WOOD, Eaton Crescent

SPACIOUS EXTENDED gas centrally heated and double glazed enviably situated in favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, dining room with bay, extended lounge, 15'0" kitchen with utility room beyond. Gallery landing three bedrooms, bathroom, large carport, brick garage, expertly tended/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY

**New price**

**WAS £179,950...NOW £174,000**



#### LOWER GORNAL, Summer Lane

A delightful conscientiously maintained freehold gas centrally heated and primarily UPVC double glazed DETACHED with further potential and NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation includes hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, upgraded bathroom, integral 19ft garage, neat garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

**Offers in the Region of £170,000**



#### KINGSWINFORD, Randall Close

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, EXTENDED 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE well located for schools/ amenities, offering an ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout. Set beyond the TWO CAR DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and a PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC E

**£164,950**



#### LOWER GORNAL, The Straits, Browning Road

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**Offers in the Region of £160,000**



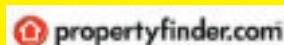






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### KINGSWINFORD Redruth Close



Located on the highly demanded "Charterfields" estate with local shops, schools and transport links this deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, conservatory style dining room, kitchen, bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, garage and driveway. Early viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer. EPC - E

£179,950

### Sedgley Sandyfields Road



GARAGE & GARDEN TO THE REAR! This is a two bedroom first floor apartment located within walking distance to Sedgley town centre (although up a steep hill!) with shops close by and good public transport links. Briefly comprising; entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. No upward chain! EPC - E.

£99,950

### OAKHAM Sunningdale Drive



This is an amazing detached bungalow on a corner plot in a cul-de-sac location in the highly sought after area of Oakham and with easy transport links to M5/M6 corridor and black country route, local amenities, schools and shops. The property can easily be converted back to a 3 bedroom bungalow. It briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining area, re-fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms - one with fitted wardrobes, conservatory, re-fitted bathroom, double driveway, garage and enclosed secluded gardens to the side and rear. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC - E

£250,000

### DUDLEY Queens Hall, St



NO UPWARD CHAIN, an absolutely outstanding and exceptionally stylish top floor apartment ideally situated in a secure landscaped grounds adjacent to playing fields yet within walking distance of Dudley town centre. The apartment comprises of: double bedroom with en-suite shower room, second bedroom, bathroom, large living room with distant views and incorporating a well equipped kitchen section with a fine range of units and many integrated appliances, allocated parking, professionally maintained landscaped gated grounds.

£109,950

### DUDLEY Donnington Court



A modern and beautifully presented two bedroom GROUND FLOOR apartment. Situated in popular location nearby the sought after "Milling Bank" Development, the accommodation comprises: Secure commercial entrance, hallway with two storage cupboards, an open plan lounge/dining room/kitchen, master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, double sized second bedroom and family bathroom. Benefitting from gas centrally heating, double glazing and an allocated parking space. EPC - B. Viewing is a MUST!

£102,950

### Dudley Ashenhurst Road



A very well presented and improved semi detached property having an open plan lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, dining room, two double bedrooms, family bathroom with white suite, front and rear gardens and off road parking. This property must be viewed! EPC - D

110,000

### Tipton Bayleys Lane



A traditional style semi-detached house having an enclosed porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs family bathroom, front side and rear gardens and out buildings. EPC - F

£104,950

### DUDLEY Himley Road



A unique opportunity to purchase a MID TERRACED property with hilltop VIEWS. Having a lounge, kitchen, one bedroom, bathroom, GARAGE, front and rear gardens and parking. Ideal for a first time buyer or an INVESTMENT.. EPC - F

£70,000

### DUDLEY Scotts Green Close



Trinity Property are pleased to offer a DETACHED property in a corner position. Having an enclosed porch, entrance hall, lounge, SPACIOUS KITCHEN DINER, three bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, garage, good sized rear garden and generous parking to the front. Viewing comes highly recommended. EPC - Ordered

£180,000

### TIPTON Highfield Road



Trinity property are pleased to offer for sale a SEMI-DETACHED property in Tipton, having an entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, spacious kitchen, lobby, first floor landing, FOUR BEDROOMS, family bathroom, front and rear gardens. Ideal INVESTMENT opportunity. EPC - C

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£165,000

### Kingswinford Halt Mews



A superb and well presented SEMI-DETACHED property on the highly demanded "Himley View" modern development. This property has been much improved from the original specification having an entrance hall, guest WC, FITTED KITCHEN, spacious lounge, two DOUBLE bedrooms, family bathroom and a well kept rear garden. Having two parking spaces to the front, viewing is highly recommended on this fantastic home! EPC - C

£155,000

### DUDLEY Cardoness Place



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£134,950

### Gornal Goodrich Mews



A very well presented and well planned corner-turner style property having a spacious entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, KITCHEN DINER with fitted appliances, first floor landing, master bedroom with ENSUITE, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and a garage. VIEWING IS A MUST! EPC - B

£147,500

### Tividale Tower Road



TRINITY PROPERTY are pleased to offer this SUPERB and well presented semi-detached property in a popular location. Having an enclosed porch, through hallway, spacious lounge, FITTED KITCHEN DINER with french doors to an attractive rear garden, THREE BEDROOMS, upstairs family bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway to front and outbuildings with a WC. Viewing is HIGHLY recommended on this property to appreciate the interior and layout. EPC - Ordered

£139,950

### TIPTON Bell Street



Trinity Property is pleased to offer a spacious mid-terraced property located in a popular area of Tipton in the West Midlands. Having an entrance hall, lounge diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and a rear garden. Suitable for first time buyers, viewing is highly recommended. EPC - C

£125,000

### Dudley Waterloo Street



This three bedroom semi detached house is located within walking distance to Dudley town centre but also has local shops and amenities, excellent transport links and local schools. The property briefly comprises of hallway, large lounge, dining kitchen, separate shower room and toilet, garden to the side and rear, driveway and garage. Although the property is in need of some modernisation it is highly recommended to view as an urgency to appreciate the accommodation on offer. EPC - Ordered

£94,950

### Wordsley Collis Street



A rare opportunity to acquire this charming period family home, full of character, offering accommodation over 4 floors including lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, converted cellar, 3 double bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, rear garden and driveway for 2 cars, with further parking to rear of property. EPC - E.

£205,000

### DUDLEY Cardoness Place



Trinity Property are pleased to offer for sale a well presented SEMI-DETACHED property in a corner plot in a popular location in Dudley. Having an entrance hall, SPACIOUS OPEN PLAN LOUNGE, kitchen diner with appliances, two bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and a shared driveway. VIEWING COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC - Ordered

£124,950





## Tyres should be top priority

**DRIVERS in the UK are waiting until they are told they need new tyres before changing badly worn ones.**

A survey shows 3.6 million drivers say they only have new tyres fitted to their car when the tread fails the MOT.

Worn tyres require 40 per cent more stopping distance from 50mph in dry conditions, which is equivalent to eight car lengths. This increases even more on wet roads. By leaving the fitment of new tyres until the MOT, these drivers are risking not only lives, but a £2,500

fine and three penalty points on their driving licence.

The legal minimum tread depth is 1.6mm across three-quarters of the tyre's width. However, it is wise to switch to new tyres before the tread wears down to this minimum to preserve the braking, handling and steering of your car at its best.

Roger Griggs, communications director at Kwik-Fit, said: "With vehicles being increasingly sophisticated in monitoring their own maintenance intervals, drivers are often leaving it to their cars to warn them of potential issues. Motorists should realise that

responsibility for vehicle health and safety lies directly in their hands. Without proper care, motorists could land themselves either in legal trouble or in an incident on the road.

"Tyres should be the number one priority for drivers – after all, they are the only part of a car which keeps it on the road. Leading tyre manufacturers recommend that drivers change their tyres at 3mm of tread depth to maintain optimum performance. It's very worrying that so many drivers let their tread depth drop so low and leave it to the MOT to check – after all, that could be up to a year away."

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# It's the final countdown for Aston Martin DB9

By Matt Joy

There's a great number of new things on the horizon for Aston Martin; a new Bond film, a new generation of cars and a new partnership with AMG, all of which are brimming with promise for the British manufacturer.

These things are still to come however, and in the meantime, the car that began the Aston Martin rival has been refreshed.

This GT version is the final hurrah for the DB9, the V12 grand tourer that has best encapsulated the notion of a modern Aston Martin in the 21st Century. The GT receives unique alloy wheels, black detailing to the front and rear aerodynamic elements, black brake callipers and detail changes to the head and tail lights. The long-serving 6.0-litre engine gets a power boost too.

Given its age it is remarkable how little the DB9's shape has changed over the last decade, but that is a testament to just how pretty it was in the first place. The subtle enhancements of this GT version are just that; welcome, but just fresh icing on a delicious cake. The black-finished front splitter and rear diffuser are nice touches and the new wheels are a delight.

Those looks are still guaranteed to turn heads, which is part of the reason it has such a fantastic image. British, stylish and relatively discreet – just like a certain secret agent.

The DB9 is better than it used to be in this respect, although it's best suited to two adults with the possible occasional inclusion of a pair of small children.

## Occasion

It's a grand tourer in the traditional sense, so there's an intimate cabin for the two up front and 155 litres of space for your weekend luggage in the boot, and use the rear seats for odds and ends.

The latest infotainment upgrade is a welcome addition too, with better responses and more features than before.

The DB9 GT isn't just a high performance grand tourer, it is a car that delivers a genuine sense of occasion. Sliding behind the wheel into the beautifully finished cabin makes you feel special; firing up the V12 engine confirms it.

Driven sensibly, the DB9 GT is low effort and comfortable. The ride is well judged, keeping everything level and stable but filtering out road pimples, while the automatic gearbox marshals the huge amount of torque on offer. Squeeze the accelerator gently and there's a seemingly infinite amount of urge available, all delivered without any fuss.

Really press on and the DB9 GT is ready to play. It's a relatively big car but there's three damper settings and three for the stability control too, and should you be feeling brave and talented, it will play the hooligan. As fast (if not faster) than you could possibly need in the UK and beyond, it is a car that delights in so many ways.

The question of value operates in reverse when discussing a luxury car; it's not so much whether the car is worth the money, but how often does the car remind you how much it is worth? In the case of the DB9 GT, that is on a regular basis. The quality of the materials is superb; flawless stitching in the beautiful leather, glinting chrome and carpet you want to dig bare feet into. The short of it is you will never feel short-changed for your £140,000.

James Bond would buy one if he didn't get an Aston in his company car scheme, but for us mortals at least, the DB9 should either be in your underground garage or a poster on your bedroom wall. It's become an Aston Martin icon in its own lifetime, and while there is a new car on the horizon, it has some spectacularly large shoes to fill. There will be faint tears when it finally moves on.

This car summed up in a single word: Bewitching  
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# All-new A4 from Audi on road to high sales

The many attributes which have already made the A4 an international sales success are now available in strikingly amplified form, from the already lauded quality of finish to the sophisticated in-car technology, and from the slick and frugal engines to the polished transmissions and highly effective driver assistance systems. One change which will be distinctly less dramatic will be the range pricing, which despite major equipment gains will start from £25,900 on-the-road.

Due to their first UK customers in November, the 54 Saloon and Avant variants making up the launch range will be available with a choice of seven TFSI and TDI engines. Depending on the preferred engine, customers will have a choice of up to three specification levels, including a new Sport option which will sit between the entry SE and top S line rungs.

Each specification option will offer plenty of the technological sophistication for which the all-new A4 is likely to become renowned, combined with premium features that will greatly enhance everyday use. Examples of these in SE models include xenon headlights with LED daytime running lamps, three-zone climate control, cruise control, rear parking sensors and the Audi smartphone interface, which supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto platforms and displays smartphone contact and information such as navigation mapping on the A4's seven-inch colour MMI screen.

In Avant versions of the SE model, powered tailgate operation and an electrically retracting luggage cover are also standard, facilitating access to a the most accommodating load bay in the premium compact executive estate class, with a capacity of 505 litres with the standard split/folding seats in place or a seats-down maximum of 1,510 litres.

Petrol engine capacities now range from 1.4 litres to 2.0 litres, and TDI displacements from 2.0-litres to 3.0 litres, with outputs starting from 150PS and rising to 272PS. All engines combine high efficiency with outstanding responsiveness and refinement, but particularly notable exponents of these attributes are the two versions of the 2.0-litre TDI engine which in combination with front-wheel-drive are given the 'ultra' designation that signifies the best economy returns in the Audi range. Between them these two units power an impressive total of twelve A4 ultra models.

## Powertrains

To fully exploit the economy potential of this absolutely up-to the minute engine technology, the powertrain and chassis of the new Audi A4 and A4 Avant have also been completely redeveloped.

The six-speed manual transmission, the seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch (now also available for front-wheel drive) and the eight-speed tiptronic have been reworked, and in the process the automatic transmissions have incorporated a fuel-saving freewheeling function. Trademark Audi quattro all-wheel-drive is available in conjunction with the 2.0 TFSI 252PS and 2.0 TDI 190PS four-cylinder units and both 3.0 TDI engines.

Audi's drive select adaptive dynamics system (Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Efficiency and Individual modes) is a standard feature across the range.

Highlights of the options list will also include a 19-speaker, 755-watt Bang & Olufsen audio system with 3D sound, Audi Entertainment mobile incorporating two detachable touch-screen tablet computers built into the rear seats, the Audi phone box bringing two separate Bluetooth connections and wireless smartphone charging and MMI Navigation plus with a larger 8.3-inch monitor complemented by the MMI Touch fingertip-responsive touchpad built into the rotary controller.

Numerous state-of-the-art driver assistance systems can be added to make the all-new A4 driving experience even safer, even more efficient and even more effortless. For convenience, the Stop&Go adaptive cruise control system includes a traffic-jam assist function which eases driving in crawling traffic by assuming control of the acceleration, steering and braking, taking into account a large number of parameters such as road markings and the traffic ahead.

Other newly introduced features with a more safety-focused orientation include rear traffic crossing, exit warning and turn assist.

Rear traffic crossing aids the driver when reversing by detecting vehicles crossing from behind and initiating an acoustic warning and emergency braking if required; exit warning monitors the rear and side of the car and warns occupants before they open the doors that vehicles or cyclists are approaching from behind; turn assist helps with right turns by monitoring oncoming traffic as soon as the driver switches on the indicator, and can bring the car to a halt.



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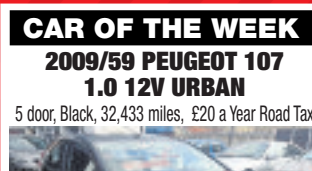
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# Heathens sweating over Max's fitness

**Cradley 36 Birmingham 54**  
CRADLEY are sweating on the fitness of No.1 Max Clegg who crashed out of the club's 54-36 semi-final first-leg defeat in the Gold Cup.

The Heathens got off to a sluggish start and found themselves trailing by eight-points with five races gone.

But they always faced an up-hill task when Clegg was withdrawn from the meeting after six heats.

The Yorkshire rider was leading Birmingham captain Tom Perry but on the exit of bend four, Clegg clattered in to the wooden fence down the home straight and took a horrific looking tumble.

Clegg was taken to hospital after being dazed in the incident but the main concern was over a potential injury to his left hand.

With the atmosphere somewhat wiped out, the Heathens never really had an answer to their Perry Barr co-tenants as they were made to pay for a series of slow starts and mechanical issues.

The Heathens registered their first of two race advantages in heat seven when Matt Williamson and Arron Mogridge raced to a 4-2.

Birmingham replied instantly before a Cradley 5-1 from Williamson and guest Darryl Ritchings to reduce the deficit back to eight points.

Will Pottinger's men would go on to register just one race winner for the rest of the evening as his side slipped to an 18-point defeat.

**Cradley: Matt Williamson 13, Arron Mogridge 12+2, Darryl Ritchings 8+1, Max Clegg 2, Michael Neale 1, Tyler Govier 0.**  
**Birmingham: Adam Ellis 15, Zach Watkinson 11, Tom Perry 10+1, Jack Parkinson-Blackburn 6+1, Jack Smith 5+2, Adam Kirby 2.**

# Team Dudley let lead slip away twice

**FC Stafford 5 Team Dudley 2**  
FC Stafford came from behind twice to run out easy winners and claim three Midland League Division One points.

Dudley took the lead after only four minutes. A lack of communication between George Kirkland and Jon Warburton saw Nathan Jones calmly place his shot into the net.

Stafford levelled when Charlie Marshall released Thomas Duffy and his effort across goal deflected into the net.

Dudley went 2-1 up when Ryan Spittle volleyed home, but it was 2-2 at the break courtesy of a strike from Andy Willacy.

But Rangers took charge in the second half with Duffy making it 3-2.

Ben Smith fired into the roof of the net with Duffy adding the fifth.

# Aston sparring with the best

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston has been sparring with reigning world champion Andy Lee to get himself ready for his step up next month, writes Craig Birch.

Aston will take on Nathan Graham at Wolverhampton Civic Hall in an eliminator for the English light middleweight title on Saturday October 4.

Their 10-rounder should produce the next challenger to Navid Mansouri's national belt, with Graham himself a former Southern area contender.

The switch hitter should prove a test for 'Tank,' but the 24-year-old southpaw has been pitting himself against the best in the training ring.

WBO middleweight boss Lee, of Irish travelling descent, is ticking over while he waits for next challenger Billy Joe Saunders to recover from a cut eye.

Aston travelled to London, where Lee is regularly put this through the paces at trainer Adam Booth's gym, and stepped through the ropes for some top-class preparation. His coach Paul Gough watched his fighter reap the benefits from the experience, which he's backing Aston to take into battle at the Civic.

Gough said: "I rate Adam as one of the best at his craft in the country and he's got Andy performing at his peak, so there's no easy ride for anyone going down there

"He's a southpaw, too, and his jab is up there with as good as anything I have seen. It's so hard to predict when he's going to throw it."

# Old Hales face and overcome challenge

**Peterborough Lions 22 Old Halesonians 25**  
**THIS was to be one of the most difficult challenges so far for the Hales first team against a very big physical Peterborough side.**

Perfect pitch and weather conditions made for an open running game.

After four minutes Hales were penalised and were soon three points down.

It was the Lions turn to be penalised after six minutes, Full Back Chris Hooper converted to tie.

In his own 22 Hooper set off with the opposition in pursuit, he was supported by Wing Joe Oxford but managed to keep his pace to score under the posts and converted for a lead.

Lions scored next in the corner, but it went unconverted.

Despite valiant tackling as usual by flanker Tom Jordan, Owen Jones, Rayner and Taylor the home side were dictating the game. On 39 minutes the Lions broke the Hales defence for a converted try and the lead.

**Power**

In the second half Hales continued to dominate in the set scrum but Lions made more of their forward rolling maul power.

On 65 minutes one such move by their forwards towards the Hales line resulted in a penalty try awarded to Lions. The home side converted to lead 22-10 with 15 minutes left.

On 73 minutes, Hales forwards secured set ball. Scrum half Sam Vaughan to Rayner at No.10 to Ben Barkley at inside centre.

He passed to Andy Robinson outside who on one of his first touches of the ball took on the opposition backs.

He glided through untouched for a try, converted by Hooper.

On 75 minutes winger Reid sprinted for his debut try, to tie the scores.

Peterborough were not to be outdone and worked their way back into the Hales half.

More pressure and Hales were penalised for a high tackle. The usually consistent Lions kicker missed.

From the restart, Lions were penalised, Hooper kicked for a line out. Hooper stepped up to take the last kick of the game from wide out. He split the uprights to win.

# McDonald claws back the draw

**Benik Afobe cannot find a way past Jordan Pickford or the Preston North End defence at Deepdale on Saturday**

**Preston 1 Wolves 1**  
EIGHT games in and Kenny Jackett's team continue to masquerade as a nervous, tentative, inhibited outfit that seems to have forgotten how to win football matches.

More worryingly, confidence is shot. And Jackett's ruminating, his constant chopping and changing, has spread to his players, who are overthinking everything.

Just how many more planets needed to align for almost every factor to be in their favour at Deepdale?

A morale-boosting end to the week with Kevin McDonald finally having signed a new contract, plus Danny Batth's return from injury, poured positivity into the club.

Jackett belatedly returned to his tried and tested 4-2-3-1 formation.

Then accommodating Preston went and had two men sent off.

It's becoming almost painful to watch a side so clearly shorn of confidence try to play their way back into form and momentum.

Chance after chance went begging in those closing minutes.

It seemed that elusive goal was never going to come. Kevin McDonald then came up with a breathtaking 91st-minute equaliser.

# Yeltz get Nun as cup run is brought to conclusion

**FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round Halesowen 0 Nuneaton Town 2**  
HALESOWEN'S interest in this season's FA Cup ended after National League North Nuneaton Town grabbed two second half goals.

But the outcome may have been different if a 61st minute screamer from Greg Pearson had not struck the post with Nuneaton goalkeeper Jordan Smith beaten.

Manager John Hill also hailed Halesowen's great effort against a full-time team with just small margins determining the result.

Aaron Williams had a 16th minute effort ruled out for offside for the Boro after Elliott Whitehouse's shot was parried by home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant.

But the Yeltz more than held their own in a goal-less first half as Pearson glanced a header wide two minutes later.

Late in the first half Sargeant beat away a fierce 34th minute shot from Nuneaton's Shane Byrne.

The Yeltz went mightily close in the 61st minute when Pearson's 20 yard thunderbolt shot rebounded off the top of the post, only for Nuneaton to take the lead two minutes later when James Clifton's shot deflected off for Aaron Williams to nod home in front of goal.

As the Yeltz sought an equaliser, Joe Hull stole in to meet a 75th minute free-kick from Aaron Griffiths but blasted the ball over the bar.

Sargeant then saved a fierce half-volley from Nuneaton substitute Rob Duffy.

However, the Boro made the tie safe at 2-0 in the 82nd minute.

# Runners are among the prizes haul

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club were amongst the prizes again at the weekend as Rob Meredith claimed victory in the Norton 10k.

He grabbed a personal best of 35.36, smashing the course record.

He was joined by Graham Wildgoose, who, although a few minutes behind the winner, claimed second M50 in 42.06 placing 13th overall.

A little further south Andy Fraser pulled on the vest to compete in the Cheltenham Half Marathon. Fraser stopped the clock in 2.13.16 to take 2,362nd place.

Over the full marathon distance Dave Garbutt travelled to the Loch Ness Marathon. Garbutt came home in an admirable 4.28.49 to finish in 1,438th place earning himself a well-deserved rest.

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## High five as Cradley show class

Tipton Town 0 Cradley Town 5

CRADLEY Town boosted their West Midlands Premier Division title hope with a resounding 5-0 success at Tipton Town.

Following their 3-0 home victory over Tipton just a couple of weeks ago, second-placed Cradley underlined their superiority with another comprehensive display.

Tipton manager Paul Totney had pulled off a coup by re-signing their ace goal-getter of some five or so years ago, Ravi Sangha, but chances were few and far between for the hosts.

Cradley, in truth, dominated much of the proceedings, the general momentum of play being in favour of the visitors although Tipton did have some good passages of pressure.

However, on 18 minutes, the visitors fashioned a sustained attack which ended with Bill Tibbetts putting them into the lead when he netted from close range.

After a Tipton rally that saw Sangha just fail to beat Cradley keeper Shaun Edwards, the visitors forged further ahead. Adam Meachem was the man on target with a 20-yard strike that gave home keeper Josh Morgan no chance.

A good response from Tipton saw Sangha and Damien Jarrett test Edwards before the visitors virtually clinched the points with a third goal right on half-time through Lewis Clarke.

Tipton's much younger side started to flag a little although Shane Grainger was unlucky not to reduce the arrears.

Back surged Cradley, with Meachem scoring again to make it 4-0. Cradley went nap in the 87th minute when Trevor Wassell turned Tibbetts' low cross into the net.

## Glassboys show Dunkirk spirit and how to win

Stourbridge 3 Dunkirk 1

STOURBRIDGE had far too much ammunition for Nottingham-based Midland League minnows Dunkirk as they booked their place in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

The Glassboys had already squandered a couple of early openings before taking a seventh-minute lead.

Despite being tripped, Drew Canavan was able to release Chris Lait down the left flank, who cut inside two Dunkirk defenders to slot home.

Dunkirk were thrown a lifeline on 29 minutes when Pierpoint headed a right wing cross from Macauley Diuk into his own net.

But Stourbridge restored their lead six minutes later. Want had already pulled off a point-blank save to deny striker Karl Hawley, but just seconds later Hawley was able to slot home.

Stourbridge finally put the game to bed on 62 minutes when Pierpoint headed home at the far post from Leon Broadhurst's pin-point corner.

The margin of victory could have been much greater but Want prevented further goals.

## Players lacking confidence, says Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett admitted his players were lacking in confidence after their woes continued at nine-man Preston.

Kevin McDonald's injury-time strike earned Jackett's team a point at Deepdale, but the hosts played for 70 minutes with 10 men and had another man sent off 10 minutes from time.

With Wolves 12 points off Championship leaders Brighton – and just three off the bottom of the table – Jackett knows drastic improvements are needed. Jackett said: "I think at times we look like we're searching for confidence, there's a number of players at times who look like they're

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searching for confidence while wanting to do very well.

"It's a period we have to just keep working through wherever we can now, avoid injuries, and keep working to try to build up confidence and momentum."

McDonald's return to form was a boost for Wolves and the head coach said that needed to continue.

"He's a big player for us, it was a terrific goal and we feel for all his passing ability he can add

goals to his game, he's started to do that this season and we want him to get back to his very best," the Wolves boss added. "Quite often over the past two seasons when he's played well the team has played well."

Sheyi Ojo and Nathan Byrne impressed from the bench and Jackett hinted they may come into his thinking for the Craven Cottage clash.

"The two wide men (Byrne and Ojo) looked like they had life and a bit of zip about them," he said. "During the course of the second half our most effective line going forward was the ball out to Ojo. "He's only 18 and I think, during the course of the season, will keep improving."

# WOLVES ARE UP FOR SALE

WOLVES chairman and owner Steve Morgan has put the club up for sale and left with immediate effect.

Morgan took over the club in 2007 and his bombshell departure – which came completely out of the blue for supporters – has left Wolves in limbo.

The majority of Wolves fans said they were pleased to see the back of the Liverpool-born property magnate.

Wolves said the decision was made 'after much thought' and insisted it was 'business as usual' at Molineux.

The sale raises serious questions about the club's future. Many fans are pleased with Morgan's departure.

But Charles Ross, editor of Wolves fanzine A Load of Bull, said the timing was 'awful'.

He added: "This is a club clearly at a crossroads, if not in a crisis. The long-term future of the club has a huge question mark."

### Boardroom

"The timing of it, frankly, is awful. The team is having a crisis of confidence on the pitch, and now they have got one in the boardroom. It is not good, there is no way it can be spun as business as usual."

Fans have backed Steve Morgan's shock decision to sell Wolves – amid suggestions of the now former chairman being embroiled in an angry spat with supporters.

Morgan was said to have been confronted before Wolves' game at Deepdale against Preston on Saturday.

Wolves fan Rob Cartwright, from Worcestershire, spoke to a steward at Deepdale about the incident Mr Cartwright said: "The Preston steward said to me, 'Your owner's just arrived, he was parking up and a few fans had a go at him about lack of investment."

"He wound his window down and was having a shouting match through he window and shouted at the fans 'how much \*\*\*\*\* money do you want me to spend?'"

Morgan famously confronted protesting fans after a home defeat to Blackburn in 2012, a match in which a banner reading 'Scouse Mafia Out' had



Steve Morgan bought Wolves from Sir Jack Hayward for £10 in 2007 and agreed to invest £30m

been unfurled in the South Bank at Molineux.

Of Morgan's departure, Wolves supporter Mr Cartwright added: "I feel very let down because, actually, have we progressed under him?"

"As for the team, we haven't progressed enough."

"And since January this year, when we were in a great position on the pitch, he lost his bottle and his desire."

Fans have taken to the internet to comment on the shock announcement, which was made at 5.10pm Monday.

Comments were generally split. Wolves fan Charlie said: "The transfer dealings and some of

the PR coming out of the club made me feel we were in a holding pattern. This announcement now makes sense of that. It will be interesting to see how this plays out."

"For my part, Morgan has done a good job overall making sure we stay alive and achieve a sound financial footing."

Morgan took over the club from Sir Jack Hayward in 2007 on the remit of pumping in £30m.

He has invested heavily in infrastructure – developing the training ground, expanding Molineux and buying up land around Wolverhampton.

## Tivs come to the four to grab win

Tivdale 4 Belper 2

TIVDALE climbed off the bottom of Evo-Stik Northern Premier First Division South with a much-needed 4-2 success against Belper Town.

The game was end-to-end from the kick off with Tivdale having the first chance on two minutes when Ashley Jackson cut in from the right flank but his shot went straight at Belper keeper Danny Heystead.

Belper then had two great chances to take the lead. First on 18 minutes Tom Liversedge just failed to get anything on a Stevenson cross. Then a minute later full back Sam Purcioe found himself in space in the penalty area and one on one with Turner. But he fired wide.

Tivdale went ahead when Jackson fired in a corner to the near post and Mark Danks rifled it home via the underside of the cross bar.

Tivdale's defensive frailties resurfaced when they were unable to clear their lines and Jonathon Williams played in Ben Fairclough to score.

On the stroke of half time Tivdale were back in front. Chris Sterling slid the ball into Rabone and this time he made no mistake.

It was only eight minutes after the restart that Belper were level again. Evan Garnett split the Tivdale defence and fired past Turner.

Three minutes later he home side had restored their lead. This time Rabone played in Sterling to score.

Tivdale were reduced to 10 and were forced to defend their lead. Tivdale rounded off the afternoon with a fourth goal on 85 minutes.

Tivdale substitute Demetri Brown held off his marker cut back inside and curled a brilliant right foot shot in.

## Grealish goes for England colours

VILLA midfielder Jack Grealish has pledged his international future to England.

Grealish, who celebrated his 20th birthday this month, represented the Republic of Ireland at youth level through his Irish-born grandparents before his displays at Villa under the guidance of Tim Sherwood caught the eye of England manager Roy Hodgson.

Hodgson has been keen for Grealish to come to a decision about his international future.

Grealish, who turned down a call-up to the senior Ireland squad for a friendly against England in June, was watched by Hodgson's assistant, Ray Lewington, at Anfield on Saturday.

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